THE GAMES OF ANNA MYZYCHUK

A Kitty Kat Book

D87

□ **Ushenina,A.** **2434**
■ **Muzychuk,A.** **2504**
FIDE World Cup Women 2023 (3.1)
[Kitty Kat]

D87: Exchange Grünfeld: Classical Line: Variations without ...cxd4
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 d5 4.cxd5 Nxd5 5.e4 Nxc3 6.bxc3 Bg7 7.Bc4 c5 8.Ne2 Nc6
[8...0-0 9.Be3 cxd4 10.cxd4 Nc6 11.Qd2 Qa5 12.Rd1 Qxd2+ 13.Rxd2 Na5 14.Bd3 e6 15.0-0 Bd7 16.Rc1 Rfc8 17.Rdc2 Rxc2 18.Rxc2 Rc8 19.Rxc8+ Bxc8 20.d5 ½-½ Ljubojevic,L (2635)-Kortschnoj,V (2655) 48/(622) Tilburg 1989]
9.Be3 0-0 10.0-0 Bg4N
[10...cxd4 11.cxd4 Na5 12.Bd3 Nc6 13.Bb5 Bd7 14.Rb1 e6 15.Qd2 a6 16.Bd3 b5 17.Rfc1 Re8 18.h4 Rc8 19.h5 Qa5 20.Qd1 D 88/01 2003]
[10...b6 11.Qd2 Bb7 12.Rad1 cxd4 13.cxd4 Rc8 14.Bb5 a6 15.Bxc6 Bxc6 16.d5 Bb5 17.Rc1 Qd6 18.Rfd1 ½-½ Bellmann,H (2401)-Koch,C (2225) corr AO-00025 2023]
11.f3 Na5 12.Bxf7+ Rxf7 13.fxg4 Rxf1+ 14.Kxf1 Qd6 15.e5
[15.dxc5 Qxh2 16.Bf2 Rf8∓]
15...Nc4 16.Bf2 Qd5 17.dxc5 White is slightly better. **17...Qe4** 0.60/23
[17...Rd8= 0.19/24 18.Qxd5+ Rxd5]
18.Qd4± Bxe5 Double Attack **19.Ng3!**
[19.Qxe4 Nd2+ 20.Kg1 Nxe4=]
19...Bxg3 Deflection **20.Bxg3**
[20.Qxe4 Nd2+ 21.Ke1 Nxe4∓]
20...Qxd4 21.cxd4 Endgame. Strongly threatening Ke2. KRB-KRN **21...Rd8 22.Bf2 e5 23.Rc1** 0.69/25
[23.c6!± 1.16/26 bxc6 24.dxe5]
23...Nd2+? 3.57/22
[Better is 23...Na5!± 0.69/25]
24.Ke2+- Ne4 25.dxe5 Nxf2 26.Kxf2 KR-KR **26...Kf7 27.Ke3 Rc8?** 5.58/26
[27...Rd5 2.65/23 keeps fighting. 28.Kf4 Rd4+ 29.Kg5 Kg7]
28.Rb1 Rc7 29.h4 Ke6 30.Kd4 Rd7+ 31.Ke4 Rc7 32.Rb5 h6 33.g3 Rd7 34.Rb2 Rd5 35.Rxb7 Rxc5 36.Rg7
[36.Rxa7 Rxe5+ 37.Kf3 Rb5+-]
36...Rc4+ 37.Kf3 Rc3+ 38.Kg2 g5 39.Rxa7 2.49/20
[39.hxg5 Rc2+ 40.Kf3 hxg5 41.Rg6+ *(41.Rxg5 Rxa2 42.Rf5 Ra1±; 41.Rxa7 Rc3+ 42.Kg2 Kxe5±)* 41...Kxe5 42.Rxg5+ Kf6±]
[⌓39.Rg6+ 5.29/24 Kxe5 40.hxg5 *(40.Rxh6 gxh4 41.gxh4 Rc2+ 42.Kg3 Rc3+ 43.Kf2 Rc2+ 44.Ke3 Rc3+ 45.Kd2 Ra3+-)* 40...hxg5 41.a4 *(41.Rxg5+ Kf6+-)*]
39...gxh4? 5.37/24
[39...Kxe5 2.49/20 40.h5 Rc2+ 41.Kh3 Ke4]
40.gxh4 Kxe5 41.Rf7 Ra3 42.Rf5+! Ke4 43.Rf2 Ke5 44.Kf1 Rh3 45.Rf5+ Ke4 46.h5 Ra3 47.Rf2 Ke5 48.Ke1? 0.04/25
[White must play 48.g5!+- 4.62/24]
48...Ra4? 3.18/22
[48...Rg3= 0.04/25]

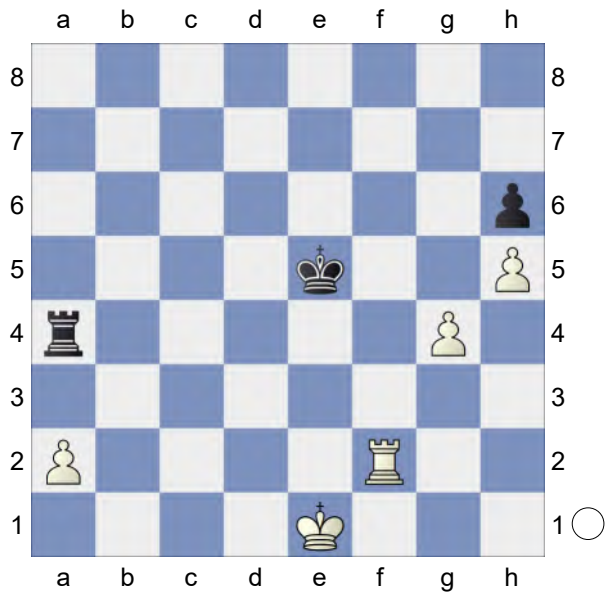
(Diagram)

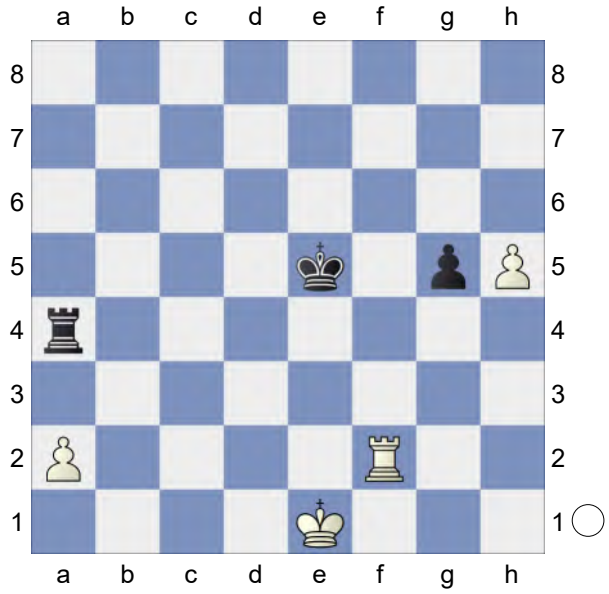
49.g5! hxg5

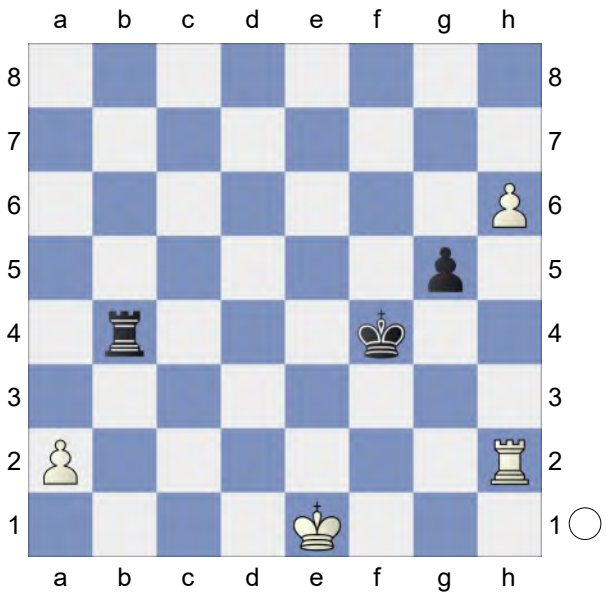
(Diagram)

50.Rh2 Black must now prevent h6. **50...Rb4 51.h6** aiming for h7. **51...Kf4**

(Diagram)





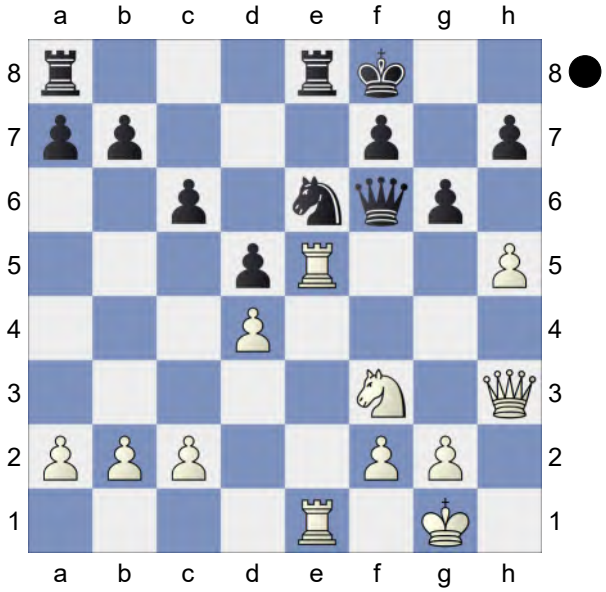


52.h7? 0.00/69
[White has to play 52.Rh5!+- 5.66/28 Rb1+ 53.Kd2]
52...Rb1+= The position is equal. **53.Kf2 Rb2+ 54.Kg1 Rb1+ 55.Kg2**
[55.Kf2!? Rb2+□ 56.Kg1 Rb1+ 57.Kg2 Rb2+ 58.Kg1=]
55...Rb2+ 56.Kg1
[56.Kh1!? Rb1+□ 57.Kg2 Rb2+ 58.Kh1 Rb1+ 59.Kg2=]
56...Rb1+
Weighted Error Value: White=0.24 (precise) /Black=0.57
½-½

C42
□ **Muzychuk,A.** **2504**
■ **Ushenina,A.** **2434**
FIDE World Cup Women 2023 (3.2)
[Kitty Kat]

C42: Petroff Defence: 3 Nxe5 and unusual White 3rd moves
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.Nxe5 d6 4.Nf3 Nxe4 5.d4 d5 6.Bd3 Be7 7.0-0 Bf5 8.Re1 0-0 9.Nbd2 Nd6 10.Nf1 c6 11.Bxf5 White is slightly better.

11...Nxf5 12.Qd3 Nd6 13.Bf4 Na6 14.h4 Re8N
[14...Nc7 15.Ng5 g6 16.Nh2 Nce8 17.Ng4 Nf5 18.Qxf5 gxf5 19.Nh6+ Kg7 20.Nxf5+ Kg6 21.Nxe7+ Kg7 22.Nf5+ Kg6 23.g4 Nf6 24.h5+ Nxh5 25.Ne7+ Kg7 26.gxh5 Kh8 27.Re6 f6 28.Rae1 Qd7 29.h6 (32) 5. Petroff | 5...d5 6...Bf5 &-14... g6 15...Nce8 #1]
15.Ng3 0.22/20 White is much more active.
[15.Ng5± 0.61/18 deserves consideration. Bxg5 16.hxg5]
15...Nc7= 16.Nf5 Nxf5 17.Qxf5 g6 18.Qg4 Bf6 0.61/22
[18...Qc8= 0.12/22 19.Qg3 Ne6]
19.h5± Ne6 20.Be5 Bxe5 21.Rxe5
[But not 21.Nxe5 Qg5=]
21...Qf6 1.87/19
[21...Ng7!± 0.60/22]
22.Rae1+- Kf8 2.32/20
[22...Ng7 1.90/21 might work better. 23.h6 Rxe5 24.dxe5 Qf5]
23.Qh3? 0.22/19
[23.R1e3+- 2.32/20]



23...Kg7? 3.37/23
[23...Nxd4!= 0.22/19 and Black stays safe. 24.Rxe8+ Rxe8 25.Rxe8+ Kxe8]
24.Ng5 Nxg5? #11/16
[24...gxh5+- 2.51/20 25.Qxh5 *(25.Nxe6+ Rxe6 26.Rxe6 fxe6+-)* 25...Qg6 26.Qxg6+ Remove Defender hxg6 27.Nxe6+ Rxe6 28.Rxe6 fxe6 29.Rxe6 Kf7]
25.h6+ White mates. **25...Kf8 26.Qa3+ Re7 27.Rxe7**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.32/ Black=0.68
1-0

B52
□ **Muzychuk,A.** **2585**
■ **Hou Yifan** **2617**
Geneva WGP 2013 (5.5) 08.05.2013
[Kitty Kat]

B52: Sicilian: Moscow Variation with 3... Bd7
1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.Bb5+
[3.c3 Nf6 4.Bd3 b6 5.0-0 Bb7 6.Re1 e6 7.Bc2 Be7 8.d4 0-0 9.Nbd2 Na6 10.Nf1 d5 11.e5 Ne4 12.Ng3 cxd4 13.cxd4 Rc8 14.a3 Qc7 15.Bd3 Nb8 16.Qe2 a6 17.Bd2 Nxd2 1-0 (34) Holliday,B (2440)-4.e3 ♗g4 5. ♗c4 e6_37934 (2270) 28/149 Smederevska Palanka 1979]
[3.d4 cxd4 4.c3 dxc3 5.Nxc3 Nc6 6.Bc4 e6 7.0-0 a6 8.Qe2 Nf6 9.Rd1 Qc7 10.Bf4 Be7 11.Rac1 0-0 12.Bb3 Re8 13.h3 h6 14.Qe3 Nh5 15.Bxh6 gxh6 16.Qxh6 Ng7 17.Bc2 Ne5 1-0 (35) By Black (2218)-Wyczling,B (1794) Saarland-ch MB 87th 2012]
3...Bd7N
[3...Nc6 4.b3 Bd7 5.Bb2 a6 6.Bc4

Nf6 7.e5 dxe5 8.Nxe5 Nxe5 9.Bxe5 Bc6 10.0-0 e6 11.Re1 Nd7 12.Bb2 Qg5 13.Bf1 Bd6 14.d4 Nf6 15.d5 0-0-0 16.dxc6 Bxh2+ 17.Kxh2 Rxd1 18.cxb7+ 0-1 (30) Aarush,R (2097)-Borwell,A (2578) 42/131 Baku 1986 (8) Kxb7 19.Rxd1 Qh5+ 20.Kg1 Qxd1 21.Na3 Qh5 22.g3 Rd8 23.Bg2+ Kc8 24.Bxf6 Rd1+ 25.Rxd1 Qxd1+ 26.Kh2 gxf6 27.Be4 Qf1 28.Bd3 Qxf2+ 29.Kh3 f5 30.Nc4 Qg1 0-1 Katz,F (2097)-Abbasov,F (2578) Rohde op 08th 2008 (8)]

4.Bxd7+ Qxd7 5.c4 Nf6 6.Nc3 g6 7.d4 cxd4 8.Nxd4 Bg7 9.f3 0-0 10.Be3 Nc6 11.0-0 a6 12.a4 e6 13.Nxc6 bxc6 14.a5 White has an edge. **14...Qc7 15.Bb6 Qb8 16.Na4** Black should prevent e5! **16...Nd7 17.Be3 c5 18.Qd2 Qc7 19.Rfd1 Ne5**

[19...Be5? 20.f4+-]

20.Nb6

[20.Qxd6? Qxd6 21.Rxd6 Nxc4 22.Bxc5 *(22.Rd3? Nxe3* Deflection *23.Rxe3 Bd4-+* Pin *)* 22...Nxd6 23.Bxd6 Rfd8-+]

20...Rad8 21.Ra3 Nc6 22.Rd3 Rfe8 23.Bg5

[23.Rxd6 Bd4 24.Rxd8 Rxd8 25.Bxd4 Rxd4∓]

23...Rb8 24.Rxd6 Nd4

[24...Bd4+ 25.Rxd4 Nxd4 26.Bf6+-]

25.Rd7↑ Black is under strong pressure.

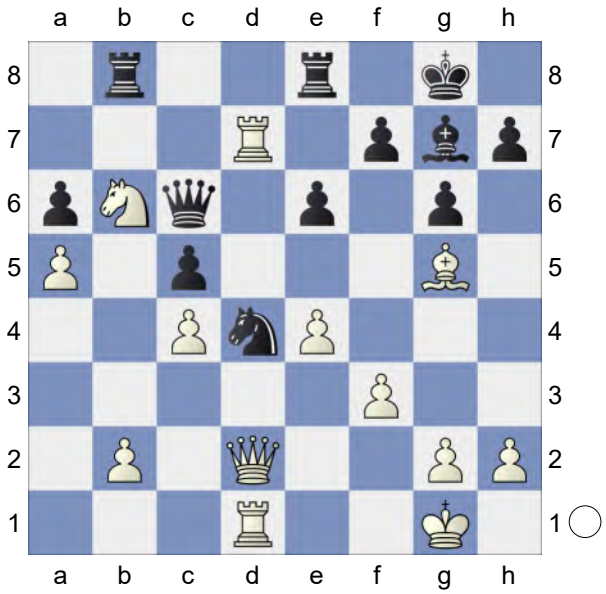
25...Qc6

(Diagram)

And now ...Rxb6 would win. **26.Ra7** White is more active. **26...Rxb6** 1.72/19

[26...h6± 1.09/22 27.Be7 *(27.Bxh6 Bxh6 28.Qxh6 Rxb6±)* 27...g5]

27.axb6+- Qxb6 28.Rd7 Qb3 29.Kh1 Qxc4 30.Qf4 Rf8 1.84/19



[30...e5± 1.44/20 might work better. 31.Qc1 Qb3]

31.Rb7 Qa4 32.Re1 1.36/20

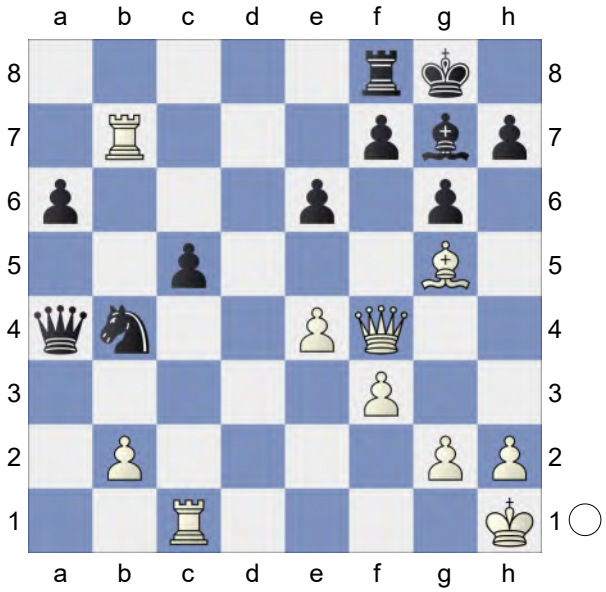
[32.b3+- 1.91/20 Nxb3 33.Be7]

32...Nc2 2.84/19 A mistake that costs the game.

[32...e5± 1.36/20 33.Qd2 Ra8]

33.Rc1 Be7 is the strong threat.

33...Nb4



Strongly threatening ...h6. **34.Qd2**

[34.Rxc5? Qd1#]

34...Nc6 4.93/22

[34...a5 3.22/20 was called for.

35.Be7 *(35.Rxc5 Bxb2 36.g3 h5+-)* 35...Rc8 36.Bxc5 Nd3]

35.Qd7 White is clearly winning.

[35.Rxc5 h6+-]

35...h6 36.Be7

[36.Rxc5 hxg5 37.Rc1 *(37.Rxc6? Qa1+)* 37...Bxb2 38.Qxc6 *(38.Rxb2?* too greedy. *Rd8-+)* 38...Qa3±]

36...Ra8 37.Bxc5

[37.Rxc5? is a self mate. Qa1+]

37...Kh7 38.Bg1

Weighted Error Value: White=0.07 (flawless) /Black=0.31

1-0

A18

□ **Muzychuk,A.** **2504**

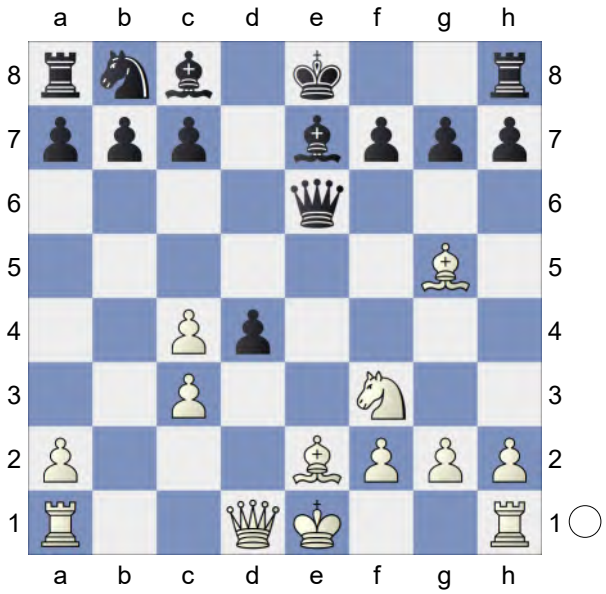
■ **Muzychuk,M.** **2511**

FIDE World Cup Women 2023 (4.3)

[Kitty Kat]

A18: English Opening: Flohr-Mikenas System (1 c4 Nf6 2 Nc3 e6 3 e4)

1.c4 e6 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.e4 d5 4.e5 d4 5.exf6 dxc3 6.bxc3 Qxf6 7.d4 e5 8.Nf3 exd4 9.Bg5 Qe6+ 10.Be2 Be7



White must now prevent ...Bxg5.

11.Nxd4 Qe5 12.Bxe7 Qxe7 13.0-0 White is slightly better. **13...0-0 14.Bf3N**

[14.Re1 Qf6 15.Bf3 Qa6 16.Bd5 c6 17.Bxf7+ Kxf7 18.Qh5+ Kg8 19.Re8 Qxc4 20.Rxf8+ Kxf8 21.Re1 Bd7 22.Qg5 Qxc3 23.Qd8+ Kf7 24.Nf3 h6 25.Ne5+ Ke6 26.Kf1 Kd6 27.Nxd7 Qd3+ 28.Kg1 Nxd7 1-0 (35) 5.f3 c6 6. ♕d2 b5 (2732)-Mladenov,P (2643) EU/FSM/43 corr ICCF 1986 (6) 29.Qxa8 Qd2 30.Rf1 Qxa2 31.Qxb7 Qa4 32.Qb2 Nf6 33.Re1 Qa5 34.Qd4+ Nd5 35.Qe5+ 1-0 Vitiugov,N (2732)-Bluebaum,M (2643) FIDE Chess.com Grand Swiss 2019 (6)]

14...Na6 15.Re1 Qf6 16.Qb3 c6 17.Qa3 Nc7

[17...Bd7 with more complications. 18.Nb5 cxb5 19.Bxb7 Bc6]

18.Rab1 a6 19.Re7 0.04/23

[19.Ne2± 0.44/22 deserves consideration.]

19...Ne6= 20.Nxe6 Bxe6 21.Rbxb7 Bxc4 22.h3 Bd5 23.Bxd5 cxd5 24.Qa5

[24.Qb4 simplifies h5 25.Qd4 Qxd4 26.cxd4 Rac8 27.Red7]

24...d4

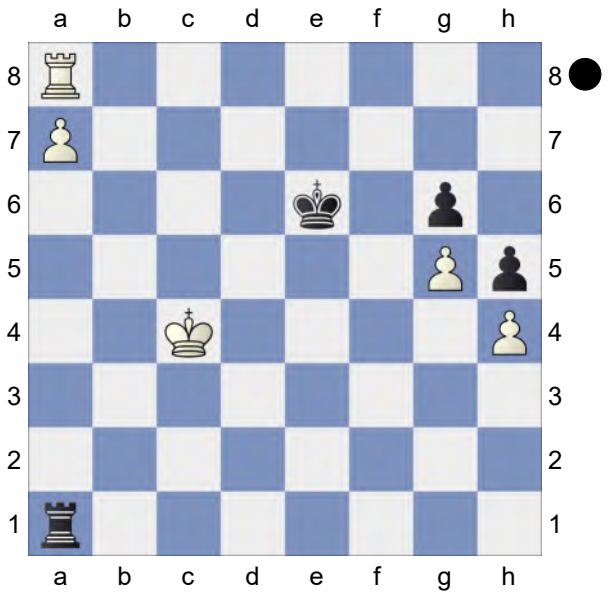
[24...Rae8 simplifies 25.Rxe8 Rxe8 26.g3 Qe6]

25.cxd4 Qxd4 26.Qe5 Active counter play! **26...Qxe5**

[26...Rad8 looks sharper. 27.g3 Qc4 28.Qe2 Qxe2 29.Rxe2 Rd1+]

27.Rxe5 Endgame. KRR-KRR **27...Rfb8 28.Ree7 Rxb7 29.Rxb7** KR-KR **29...g6 30.a4 a5 31.g4 Kg7 32.Kg2 h5 33.g5 Rc8 34.Rb5 Ra8 35.h4 Ra7 36.f4 f6 37.Kf3 fxg5 38.fxg5 Rc7 39.Rxa5 Rc4 40.Ra7+ Kg8 41.Kg3 Rg4+ 42.Kh3 Rb4 43.a5 Rb3+ 44.Kg2 Rb4 45.a6 Ra4?** 8.23/32 Loses the game.

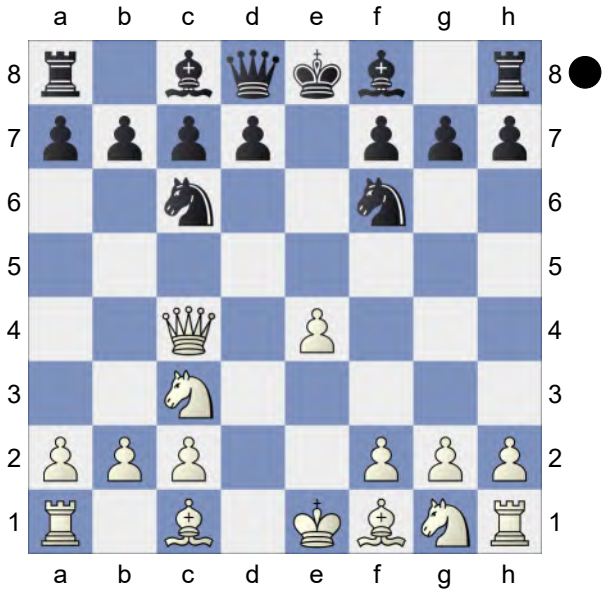
[45...Rb6= 0.02/23]
46.Kf3 Kf8 47.Ke3 Ke8 48.Ra8+ Kf7 49.Kd3 Kg7 50.Ra7+ Kf8 51.Kc3 Ke8 52.Ra8+ Kf7 53.Kb3 Ra1 54.Kb2 Ra4 55.Kb3 Ra1 56.Kc4 Ke6 57.a7



Threatens to win with Re8+. **57...Kf5 58.Rf8+ Kg4 59.a8Q**
[Weaker is 59.a8B Kxh4 60.Kc3 Rg1= *(60...Kxg5 61.Be4=)*]
59...Rxa8 60.Rxa8 Kxh4 61.Kd3
White threatens Rg8 and mate.
61...Kxg5 62.Ra4
Weighted Error Value: White=0.07 (flawless) /Black=0.08 (flawless)
1-0

C22
□ **Paehtz,E.** **2471**
■ **Muzychuk,A.** **2504**
FIDE World Cup Women 2023 (5.5)
[Kitty Kat]

C22: Centre Game
Krysa, Leandro: 'La apertura del centro en la Elite mundial. En el Gran Prix de la Fide del 2019 (Torneo Lento), el GM chino Wei Yi empleó la idea de 4...Dc4!? ante Sergey Karjakin, obteniendo una posición razonable y luego la victoria.''La apertura del centro en la Elite mundial. En el Gran Prix de la Fide del 2019 (Torneo Lento), el GM chino Wei Yi empleó la idea de 4...Dc4!? ante Sergey Karjakin, obteniendo una posición razonable y luego la victoria. Mikhalevski,V: 'Krysa, Leandro: 'La apertura del centro en la Elite mundial. En el Gran Prix de la Fide del 2019 (Torneo Lento), el GM chino Wei Yi empleó la idea de 4...Dc4!? ante Sergey Karjakin, obteniendo una posición razonable y luego la victoria.''' **1.e4 e5 2.d4 exd4 3.Qxd4 Nc6 4.Qc4 Nf6 5.Nc3**



d5N 0.11/25
[5...Bb4 6.Bd2 0-0 7.0-0-0 d6 8.f3 Re8 *(8...a5 9.Kb1 Be6 10.Nd5 Bxd2 11.Rxd2 Nb4 12.a3 Nbxd5 13.exd5 Nxd5 14.Qd4 Re8 15.Bc4 c5 16.Qe4 Nf6 17.Qh4 Bxc4 18.Qxc4 Re1+ 19.Ka2 d5 20.Qxc5 Rc8 21.Qf2 Rc1 22.b3 Qc7 23.Kb2* 0-1 Krysa,L (2527)-Sychev,K (2572) Titled Tuesday 16th Mar blitz 2021 (8) *)* 9.Qe2 Be6 10.Qf2 a5

11.Nge2 Qe7 12.Nf4 Bxc3 13.Bxc3 Nb4 14.a3 Na2+ 15.Kd2 d5 16.Bxf6 Qxf6 17.Nd3 dxe4 18.fxe4 Qg6 19.Be2 b5 20.Qg3 1-0 (38) Wei,Y (2725)-Karjakin,S (2754) FIDE Grand Prix 2019 (2.3)]

[5...Be7 6.Be3 0-0 7.0-0-0 Ng4 8.Qe2 Nxe3 9.Qxe3 d6 10.f4 Bf6 11.Nf3 Bxc3 12.Qxc3 Qf6 13.Qxf6 gxf6 14.Bb5 Ne7 15.f5 a6 16.Bd3 Nc6 17.Ng1 Ne5 18.Nh3 Bd7 19.Nf4 Bc6 20.Nh5 1-0 (91) Mieses,J-Rubinstein,A Berlin Vier Meisterturnier 1918 (2) Nd7 21.g4 Rfe8 22.Rde1 Re5 23.Re2 Rae8 24.Rhe1 Kf8 25.Kd2 b5 26.a3 a5 27.b3 Ke7 28.Nf4 Rg8 29.h3 Nb6 30.c4 bxc4 31.Bxc4 Nxc4+ 32.bxc4 Kd7 33.Nh5 Ke7 34.Nf4 Kd7 35.Nh5 1-0 (91) Hounie Fleurquin,C-6. ♗c4 ♘b6 7.♗b3 d5 8.ed 17th Open Barcelona 2012 (2)]

6.Nxd5= Black must now prevent Bg5.

6...Nxd5 7.exd5 Nb4 8.Qe4+ -0.30/24

[8.a3± 0.34/22 Nxd5 9.Qd4]

8...Qe7! 9.Bb5+ Bd7

[Don't play 9...c6 10.Qxe7+ Bxe7 11.dxc6 bxc6 12.Ba4=]

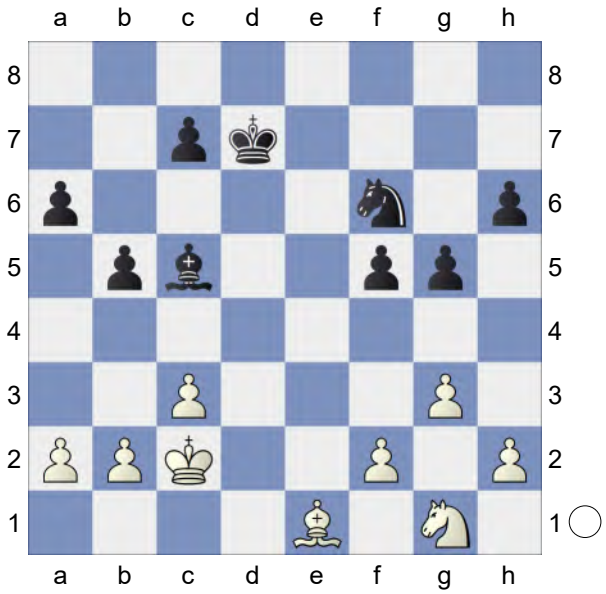
[9...Kd8 simplifies 10.Qxe7+ Bxe7 11.Kd1 Bf5]

10.Bxd7+ Kxd7 11.Qxe7+ Bxe7 12.Kd1 Nxd5 13.c3 Bc5 14.Nh3 Rhe8 15.Bd2 b5 16.Kc2 h6 17.Rhe1 a6 18.Rxe8 Rxe8 19.Re1 Rxe1 20.Bxe1∓ Endgame. KBN-KBN **20...g5 21.g3 f5** -0.18/26

[21...Ke6∓ -0.56/25]

22.Ng1= Nf6

(Diagram)



...Ng4 is the strong threat. **23.Nf3 Ng4 24.Kd3?** -3.28/26 White does not recover from this.

[24.h4= -0.24/22]

24...Nxf2+-+

[Weaker is 24...Bxf2 25.Bxf2 Nxf2+ 26.Ke2∓]

25.Bxf2 Bxf2 KB-KN **26.Ke2?** -4.36/24

[26.g4 -2.63/23 fxg4 27.Ne5+ Ke7 28.Nxg4]

26...Bb6 27.b3 Ke6 Black is clearly winning. **28.c4 bxc4 29.bxc4 g4 30.Nh4 Ke5 31.Ng6+ Ke4 32.Ne7 Bg1 33.Kf1 Bc5**

[Less strong is 33...Bxh2 34.Kg2∓]

34.Ng8 Be3 Threatens to win with ... Bg5. **35.Ke2 Bg5**

Weighted Error Value: White=0.56/ Black=0.07 (flawless)

0-1

E04

□ **Paehtz,E.** **2471**

■ **Muzychuk,A.** **2504**

FIDE World Cup Women 2023 (5.2)

[Kitty Kat]

E04: Open Catalan: 5 Nf3

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.g3 dxc4

5.Bg2 c5 6.0-0 Nc6 7.dxc5 Qxd1 8.Rxd1 Bxc5 9.Nbd2 c3 10.bxc3 0-0 11.Nb3 Be7 12.Nfd4 Nxd4 13.cxd4 Nd5 14.Bd2 Prevents a5. **14...f5 15.Nc5N**

[15.Na5 b6 *(15...Re8 16.Rac1 Ba3 17.Rb1 b6 18.Nc4 Bf8 19.Ne3 Bb7 20.Nxd5 Bxd5 21.Bxd5 exd5 22.Rb5 Rxe2 23.Rxd5 g6 24.Kf1 Ree8 25.Rc1 Rad8 26.Rxd8 Rxd8 27.Be3 Bd6 28.a4 Kf7 29.Ke2 Ke6 30.Kd3* ½-½ (50) Lommers,F (2615)-Persse,D (2728) 48/(748) Balatonbereny 1989 (4) *)* 16.Nc6 Bf6 17.e3 11. Catalan open 4... dxc4 5.-6.O-O Nc6 7. dxc5 Qxd1 #16 Bb7 18.Nb4 Rfc8 19.a4 Rab8 20.a5 Nxb4 21.Bxb4 Bxg2 22.Kxg2 Rb7 23.axb6 *(23.Rac1 Rxc1 24.Rxc1 bxa5 25.Bxa5 Kf7* Quickstarter The Catalan-dxc5 endgame 9.Nbd2-11.Nb3 Be*)* 23...axb6 24.h3 Kf7 25.Rab1 b5 Goglidze,V-Vukcevic,B URS-ch Soviet Union 1983]

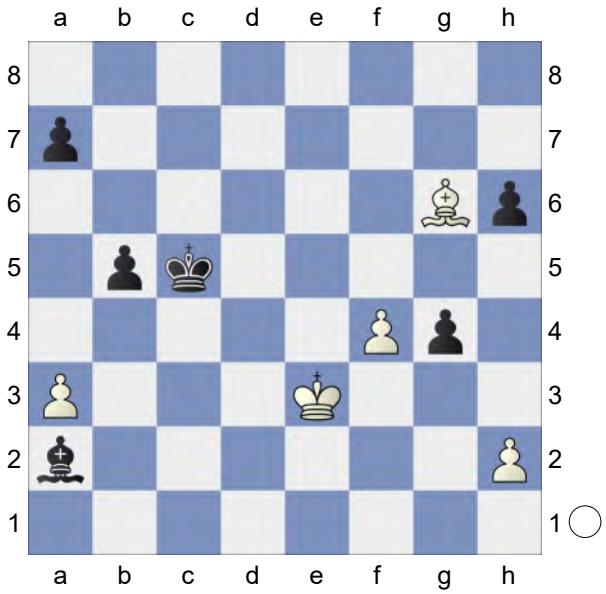
15...b6 16.Nd3 Ba6 17.Nf4 Nxf4 18.Bxf4 Rac8 19.e3 g5 20.Be5 Bf6 21.Bxf6 Rxf6 22.Rac1 Rff8 23.d5 Rxc1 24.Rxc1 Rc8 25.Rxc8+ Bxc8= Endgame. KB-KB **26.f4 gxf4 27.exf4** d6 is the strong threat. **27...Kf7 28.a3 Ke7 29.Kf2 Kd6 30.dxe6 Bxe6 31.Ke3 Kc5 32.Bf1 b5** White should prevent ...a5. **33.Bd3 h6 34.g4 fxg4 35.Bg6** Dodges Bf7 **35...Ba2**

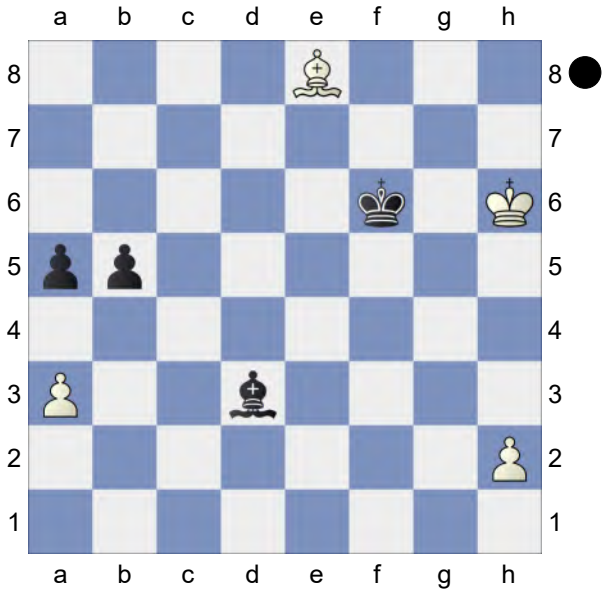
(Diagram)

Strongly threatening ...a5. **36.f5 Bb1 37.Kf4 Kd6 38.Be8 Bd3 39.Kxg4 a5 40.f6 Ke6 41.Kh5?** -6.76/36

[41.f7= -0.03/34 Ke7 *(41...Be2+ 42.Kf4=)* 42.Kf3 *(42.Kh5 Kf8=)*]

41...Kxf6-+ 42.Kxh6





a4! ...b4! would now be deadly.

[42...b4 43.axb4 axb4 44.Ba4=]

43.h4 Ke7? 0.00/43

[Better is 43...b4!-+ -8.24/37 44.Bxa4 bxa3 45.Bb3 Bf5 46.h5 Be6 47.Bxe6 Kxe6 48.Kg5 a2 49.h6 a1Q *(49...a1B 50.Kf4=)* 50.Kf4 Qb1 51.Kf3 Ke5 *(51...Qh1+ 52.Kf2 Qxh6 53.Ke2 Ke5 54.Kd3 Qc1 55.Ke2 Ke4 56.Kf2 Kf4 57.Ke2 Qc2+ 58.Kf1 Kf3 59.Kg1 Qg2#)* 52.Ke3 Qb3+ *(52...Qe4+ 53.Kd2 Kd4 54.h7 Qxh7 55.Ke2 Qf5 56.Kd1 Qf2*

57.Kc1 Kc3 58.Kd1 Qf1#) 53.Ke2 Ke4 54.Kf2 Qf3+ *(54...Qe3+ 55.Kg2 Qf3+ 56.Kg1 Qg3+ 57.Kf1 Kf3 58.h7 Qf2#)* 55.Kg1 Qg3+ *(55...Qe3+ 56.Kg2 Qf3+ 57.Kh2 Qg4 58.h7 Kf3 59.h8Q Qg2#)* 56.Kf1 Kf3 57.h7 Qf2#]

44.Bc6!= The position is equal. **44...Kd6**
[44...Kf6!?]

45.Be8 Bc4 And now ...b4! would win.
[45...Ke7!? 46.Bc6□ Bc4= *(46...b4 47.axb4 a3 48.Bd5=)*]

46.Bg6! Kc5 White must now prevent ... b4. **47.h5 b4 48.axb4+ Kxb4 49.Kg7 a3** Threatens to win with ...a2. **50.Bb1 a2**
[50...Kb3!? 51.h6□ Bd3=]

51.Bxa2 Bxa2 52.h6 Hoping for h7. **52...Bb1 53.h7 Bxh7 54.Kxh7**

Weighted Error Value: White=0.23 (precise) /Black=0.16 (very precise)

½-½

C13

□ **Muzychuk,A.** **2544**
■ **Salgado Lopez,I.** **2628**

Gibraltar Masters 2015 (4.14) 30.01.2015
[Kitty Kat]

C13: French: Classical System: 4 Bg5 Be7, Alekhine-Chatard Attack

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.Bg5 dxe4 5.Nxe4 Be7
[5...Nbd7 6.Nf3 h6 7.Nxf6+ Nxf6 8.Bh4 c5 9.Be2 cxd4 10.Nxd4 Be7 11.0-0 0-0 12.c3 e5 13.Nf3 Qc7 14.Re1 Rd8 15.Qc2 e4 16.Bxf6 Bxf6 17.Qxe4 Be6 18.Bd3 g6 19.Qe3 Kg7 20.Be4 1-0 (64) Fressinet,L (2702)-Ragger,M (2655) Deutschland 117/146 2013]

6.Bxf6 Bxf6 7.Nf3 Be7N
[7...Nd7 8.Qd2 0-0 9.0-0-0 Be7 10.Bd3 b6 11.h4 Bb7 12.Neg5 h6 13.Bh7+ Kh8 14.Be4 Bxg5 15.Nxg5 Qb8 16.Bxb7 Qxb7 Classical 4 Bg5 dxe4-6...Bxf6 French Defence 2024]

8.Bc4 a6 9.Qe2 b5 10.Bd3 White is slightly better. **10...Bb7 11.a4** 0.13/26
[11.0-0-0± 0.49/23]

11...b4 0.51/22
[11...Nd7= 0.13/26 deserves consideration.]

12.0-0 0.13/25
[12.0-0-0± 0.51/22 is more appropriate.]

12...0-0= 13.c4 bxc3 14.bxc3 Nd7 15.Rab1 Dodges c5 **15...Qc8 16.Neg5 Bxg5 17.Nxg5 Nf6 18.Ne4 Nxe4 19.Bxe4 Rb8** 0.43/21
[19...Bxe4= 0.07/22 20.Qxe4 c5]

20.Bxb7 0.01/17
[20.Bd3± 0.43/21]

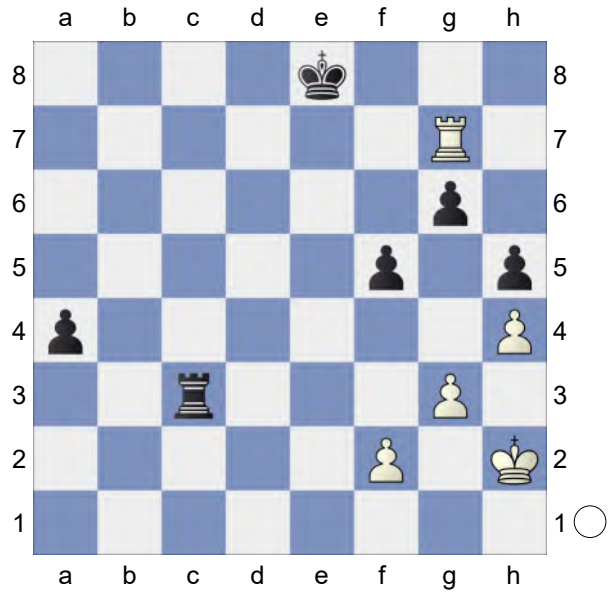
20...Rxb7 The position is equal. **21.Qe4**
[21.Qxa6? is the wrong capture. Rxb1 22.Qc6 Qa8-+]

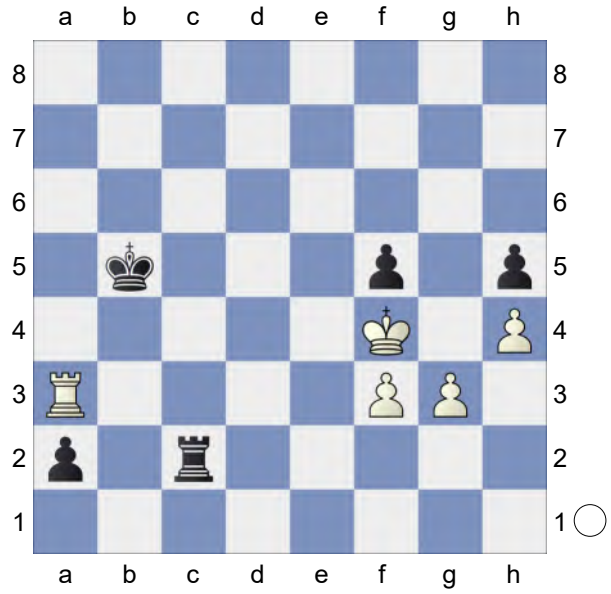
21...Rxb1 22.Rxb1 Endgame. KQR-KQR **22...Qd7** Prevents Qc6. **23.Rb4 c5 24.Qb7 Qd8 25.Rb1 cxd4 26.cxd4 Qa5 27.Qc6 h5 28.h4 Rd8 29.g3 Rxd4 30.Qe8+ Kh7 31.Qxf7 Qf5 32.Qxf5+ exf5** KR-KR **33.a5 Ra4 34.Rb6 Rxa5 35.Kg2 Ra3 36.Rc6 a5 37.Rb6 a4 38.Ra6 Kg8 39.Ra5 g6 40.Ra7 Kf8 41.Kh2 Ke8 42.Rg7 Rc3**

(Diagram)

Threatens to win with ...a3. **43.Rxg6 a3** Hoping for ...Kd7. **44.Rf6 a2 45.Ra6! Rc2 46.Kg2 Kd7 47.Kf3 Kc7 48.Kf4 Kb7 49.Ra3 Kb6 50.f3 Kb5**

(Diagram)





...Rc4+ would now be deadly. **51.Kxf5 Kb4 52.Rxa2 Rxa2 53.g4! hxg4 54.fxg4** KR-KPP **54...Kc5** aiming for ...Kd6. **55.h5 Kd6 56.Kf6 Rf2+ 57.Kg7 Ke7 58.h6! Rf7+**

[58...Rg2!? 59.h7□ Rxg4+ 60.Kh8 Kf8=]

59.Kg6 Rf4 60.g5 Kf8 61.Kh7 Rg4 (-> ...Kf7!)

[61...Rh4!?]

62.g6 Rg1 63.g7+ Kf7 64.g8Q+ Rxg8

Weighted Error Value: White=0.04 (flawless) /Black=0.03 (flawless)

½-½

B90

□ **Muzychuk,A.** **2537**
■ **Salem,AR.** **2627**
Gibraltar Masters 2016 (10.20) 04.02.16
[Kitty Kat]

B90: Sicilian Najdorf: Unusual White 6th moves, 6 Be3 Ng4 and 6 Be3 e5
An odd transposition to a Scheveningen with ...h6 inserted. Odeev,H: 'Inf 79/202'

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.Be3

[6.f3 e6 7.Be3 b5 8.Qd2 Nbd7 9.g4 b4 10.Na4 h6 11.0-0-0 Ne5 12.b3 Bd7 13.Nb2 d5 14.Bf4 Nxf3 *(14...Qc7 15.Nd3 Nxd3+ 16.Bxd3 Qb6 17.Ne2 Bc6 18.e5 Nd7 19.Kb1 Bc5 20.Bg3 a5 21.f4 Be3 22.Qe1 a4 23.Nc1 d4 24.Rf1 Nc5 25.Qe2 axb3 26.cxb3 0-0 27.f5 Bxc1 28.Rxc1 Nxd3 29.Qxd3* 1-0 (38) Erdogdu,M (2413)-Bodnaruk,A (2343) Titled Tuesday intern op 14th Feb Early blitz 2023 (10)) 15.Nxf3 Nxe4 16.Qd4 Rg8 17.Ne5 Bc5 18.Qxe4 dxe4 19.Nxd7 Qxd7 20.Rxd7 Kxd7 0-1 (50) Carlsen,M (2698)-Karjakin,S (2672) Cap d'Agde (m/2-rapid) 98/181 2006]

6...Ng4 7.Bg5 h6 8.Bh4N

[8.Bc1 Nc6 9.Be2 Nf6 10.Be3 e6 11.f4 Be7 12.0-0 Bd7 13.Qe1 Qc7 14.Qg3 h5 15.Rad1 h4 16.Qf2 b5 17.a3 Rc8 18.Nb3 Qb8 19.Rd2 b4 20.axb4 Nxb4 21.Ba7 Qc7 22.Bf3 Bc6 0-1 (41) Odeev,H (2425)-Lutz,C (2587) 1st ch-Europe 2000 (4) 23.Bb6 Qb8 24.Na5 Nd7 25.Bd4 0-0 26.g3 Ba8 27.Rfd1 Qc7 28.Nb3 e5

29.Be3 Qb8 30.Bg4 Nf6 31.Bf5 Nxc2 32.Rxc2 Qxb3 33.Bxc8 Rxc8 34.Rdc1 Re8 35.Qf3 exf4 36.Bxf4 d5 37.Be3 d4 0-1 (41) Marciniak,M (2442)-Martincevic,N (2595) 46/461 Tilburg 1988]

8...g5 9.Bg3 Bg7 10.h3 Ne5 11.Nf5 Bxf5 12.exf5 Nbd7 13.Be2 Rc8 White is slightly better. **14.Nd5 Nc4 15.Bxc4 Rxc4 16.0-0 Ne5?** 1.97/20

[Black should try 16...Rd4± 0.33/23 17.Qf3 Nf6]

17.c3+- Rc5 18.f4 gxf4 19.Bxf4 h5 2.70/23

[⌓19...e6 1.68/18]

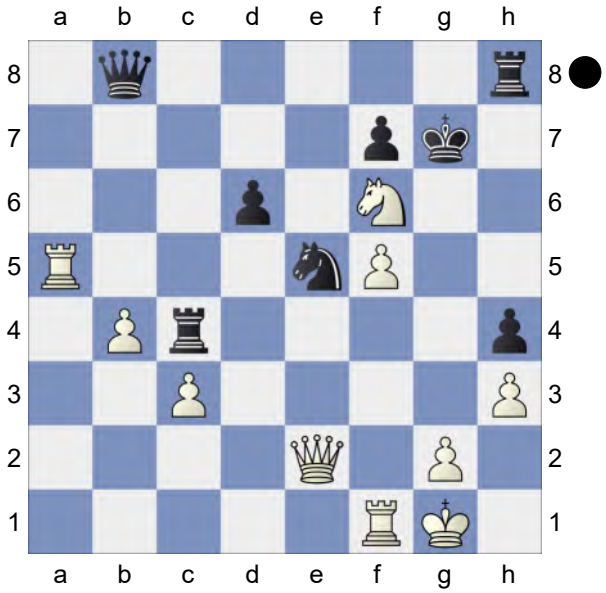
20.Be3

[Resist 20.f6?! Bxf6 21.Nxf6+ exf6±]

20...Rc6 21.Bg5 Bf6 22.Bxf6 exf6 23.Qb3 b5 24.a4 Rc5 25.Qd1 Kf8 26.b4 Rc4 27.axb5 axb5 28.Ra5 h4 29.Rxb5 Rg8 30.Qh5 Kg7 Inhibits Qh6+. **31.Ra5 Rh8 32.Qe2 Qb8** 4.63/20

[⌓32...Rc5 3.28/18 33.Rfa1 *(33.bxc5 Qxa5 34.Rd1 Qxc5+ 35.Kh1 Qa3±)* 33...Rc4]

33.Nxf6



Remove Defender **33...Rxc3** 6.87/20

[⌓33...Kxf6 4.50/20 34.Rxe5 Remove Defender dxe5 35.Qxc4 Qc8]

34.Nd5 Rcc8 35.f6+ Kf8 36.Rfa1 Re8 37.Qa6 Rh5 38.Rb5 Qd8 39.Qb7 Rg5 6.17/20

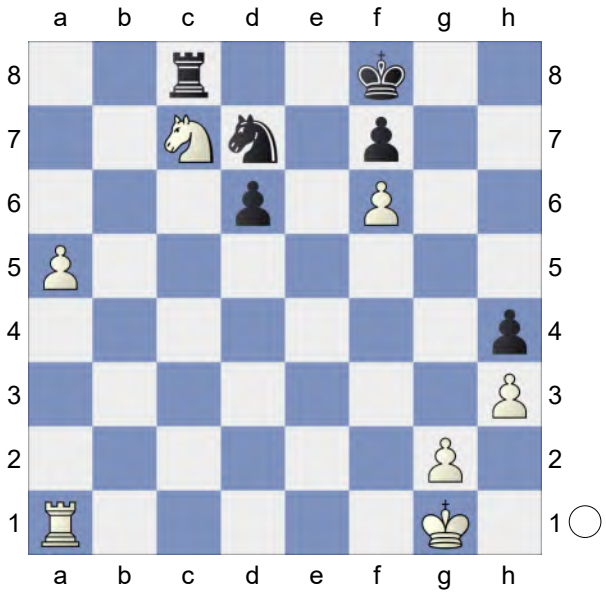
[⌓39...Qc8 4.03/22 40.Qxc8 Rxc8]

40.Rba5 White is clearly winning.

40...Qd7 41.Qxd7 Nxd7 42.Nc7 Rxa5 43.bxa5 Endgame. KRN-KRN

[43.Rxa5 Rc8 44.Ra6 Nxf6±]

43...Rc8



44.a6! Rxc7

[44...Nxf6 45.a7]

45.a7 Rxa7 46.Rxa7 Threatening mate with Ra8+. **46...Nxf6** KR-KN **47.Ra4 Ke7 48.Rxh4 Ke6 49.Kf2 Ke5 50.Kf3 d5 51.Rh8 d4 52.Rd8 Nh5 53.Re8+ Kd5 54.Re7 f5 55.g4 Kd6 56.Re1 fxg4+ 57.hxg4 Ng7 58.Ke4 Ne6 59.Rd1** Black did not feel at home in the position after the opening.

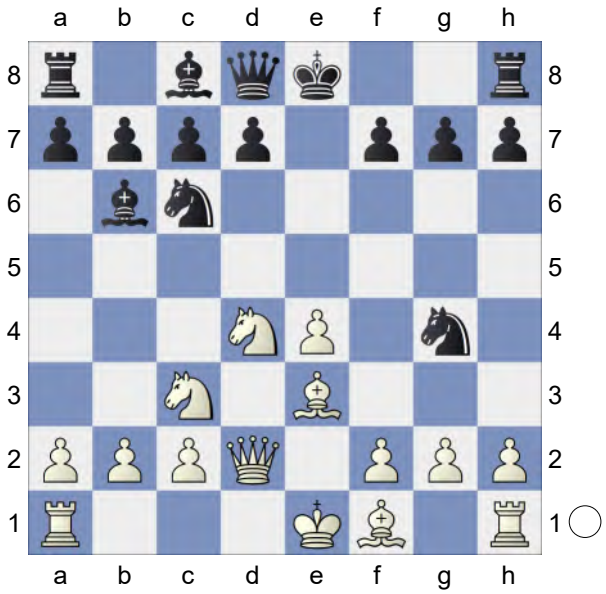
Weighted Error Value: White=0.18 (very precise) /Black=0.55

1-0

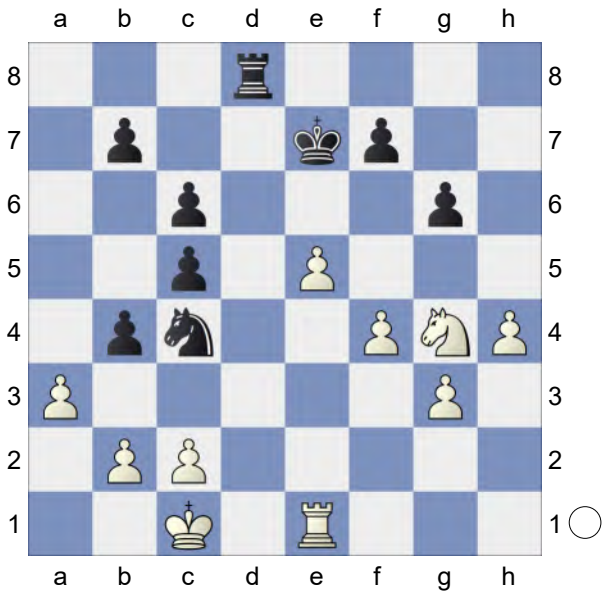
C47

□ **Muzychuk,A.** **2537**
■ **Fressinet,L.** **2700**
Gibraltar Masters 2016 (3.6) 28.01.2016
[Kitty Kat]

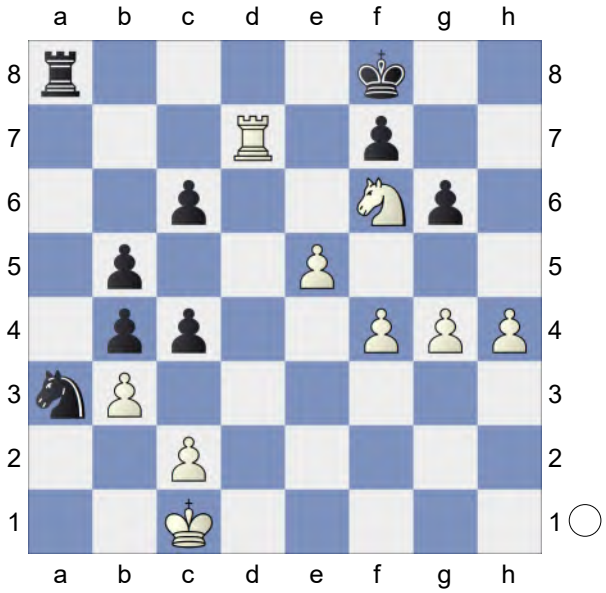
C47: Scotch Four Knights and Four Knights with 4 g3
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.d4 exd4 5.Nxd4 Bc5 6.Be3 Bb6 7.Qd2 Ng4 0.88/25
[7...0-0± 0.43/23]



8.Nxc6 0.33/24
[8.Nf5!± 0.88/25 Strongly threatening Bxb6. Nxe3 9.Nxe3]
8...dxc6± 9.Qxd8+ White is slightly better. **9...Kxd8 10.Bxb6 axb6 11.f3 Nf6N 12.0-0-0+ Ke7 13.Be2 h5 14.h4 b5** aiming for ...b4. **15.a3 Be6 16.f4 g6 17.Rhe1 Ne8 18.Bf3 Bg4 19.Bxg4 hxg4 20.g3 Nd6 21.Rd3 Rhd8 22.Nd1 c5 23.Ne3 c6** Prevents Nd5+. **24.e5 Nc4** 1.90/23 This costs Black the game.
[24...Nf5= 0.19/26]
25.Rxd8+-
[25.Nxg4 Rxd3 26.cxd3 Nb6±]
25...Rxd8 26.Nxg4 Endgame. KRN-KRN **26...b4**



27.a4 b5 2.17/25
[⌓27...Nb6 1.63/24 28.e6 fxe6]
28.b3 Na3 4.59/22
[28...Na5 1.81/21 was worth a try. 29.axb5 cxb5]
29.a5 c4 30.Rd1 Ra8 31.Nf6 Rxa5 32.Rd7+ Ke6 33.g4 Ra8 Wards off Rd8 **34.Rd6+ Ke7 35.Rd7+ Kf8?** 7.27/21
[35...Ke6 3.79/21 36.Rd6+ Ke7]

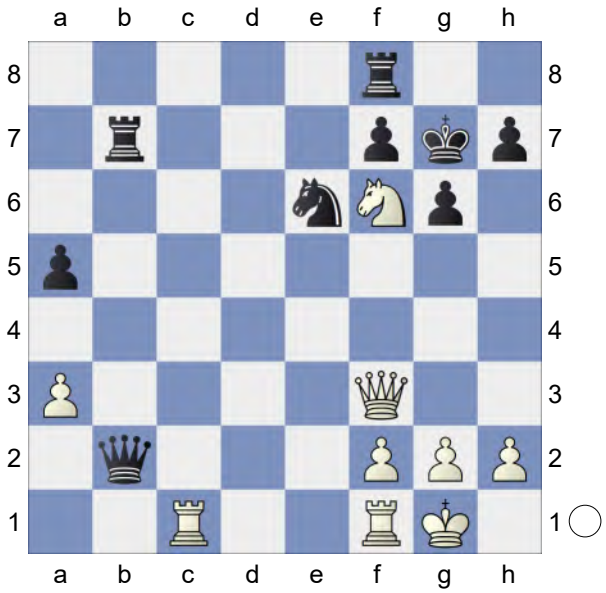


36.e6! White is clearly winning. **36...fxe6 37.Nh7+ Kg8 38.Nf6+ Kf8 39.h5 gxh5 40.Nh7+**
[40.Nxh5 c3 41.Nf6 Nc4 42.Nh7+ Kg8 43.Nf6+ Kf8 44.Nh7+ Kg8 45.Nf6+ Kf8=]
[40.gxh5 Nxc2 41.h6 *(41.Kxc2 Ra2+ 42.Kb1 Rh2=)* 41...cxb3±]
40...Kg8 41.Nf6+ Kf8 42.g5
Weighted Error Value: White=0.08 (flawless) /Black=0.32
[Weaker is 42.Nxh5 c3 43.Rh7 Ra6=]
[Not 42.gxh5 Nxc2 43.h6 *(43.Kxc2 Ra2+ 44.Kb1 Rh2=)* 43...cxb3±]
1-0

B13

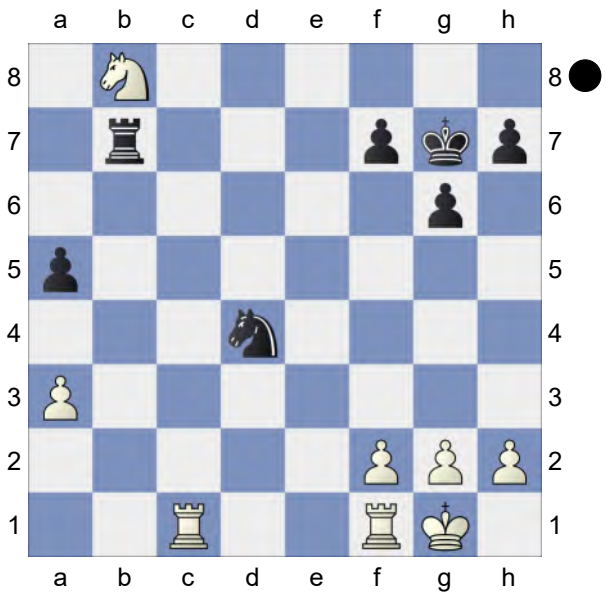
□ **Ivanchuk,V.** **2713**
■ **Muzychuk,A.** **2569**
Gibraltar Masters 2019 (8.16) 29.01.2019
[Kitty Kat]

B13: Caro-Kann: Exchange Variation and Panov-Botvinnik Attack
Stockfish's idea. White secures d4 and intends to ask a question of d5 after a2-a3 and Ba2. **1.c4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Nc3 g6 4.e3 Nf6 5.d4 cxd4 6.exd4 d5 7.Bg5N**
[7.h3 Bg7 *(7...a6 8.c5 Ne4 9.Bd3 Bf5 10.0-0 Bg7 11.Re1 0-0 12.Bb1* 2c1) Symmetry 2...c5: 4...g6-Symmetrical with 3...Nc6 and Lifetime Repertoires: Modern Reti - Par 2024*; 7...dxc4 8.d5 Na5 9.b4 cxb3 10.axb3 b6 11.b4 Nb7 12.Bb5+ Bd7 13.Bxd7+ Nxd7 14.0-0 Bg7 15.Nd4* 2c1) Symmetry 2...c5: 4...g6-Symmetrical with 3...Nc6 and Lifetime Repertoires: Modern Reti - Par 2024 *)* 8.c5 0-0 9.Bb5 Bf5 10.0-0 Ne4 11.Bf4 Qa5 12.Qe2 Nxc3 13.bxc3 Qxc3 14.Bxc6 bxc6 15.Rac1 Qa3 16.Qxe7 Qxa2 17.Ra1 Qb2 18.Rxa7 Rxa7 19.Qxa7 Bxd4 20.Bd6 Re8 21.Qa4 2c1) Symmetry 2...c5: 4...g6-Symmetrical with 3...Nc6 and Lifetime Repertoires: Modern Reti - Par 2024]
7...Be6 8.Bxf6 exf6 9.Be2 Bb4 10.cxd5 Bxd5 11.0-0 Black is slightly better. **11...0-0 12.Rc1 Bxf3** -0.06/20
[12...Bxc3∓ -0.48/26 was preferrable. 13.bxc3 Rc8 *(13...Bxa2 14.c4=)*]
13.Bxf3= Nxd4 14.Bxb7 Rb8 15.Nd5 Ne6 16.Nxb4 Rxb7 17.a3 a5 18.Qf3 The position is equal.
[18.Qxd8 simplifies Nxd8 19.Nc6 Nxc6 20.Rxc6 Rxb2 21.Rxf6 Rb3 22.Ra1]
18...Qb6 19.Nd5 Qxb2 20.Nxf6+ Kg7



Threatens to win with ...Rb3! **21.Qe4 Rfb8**
[Of course not 21...Kxf6?! 22.Rb1±]
22.Nd7 Qd4
[Much worse is 22...Rxd7?! 23.Rb1±]
23.Qxd4+ Nxd4 24.Nxb8

(Diagram)



Black must now prevent Rb1. **24...Ne2+ 25.Kh1 Nxc1 26.Rxc1 Rxb8** Endgame. KR-KR **27.h4 Rb3 28.Rc5 Rxa3 29.h5 Kf6 30.g4 Ra4** ...Rf4 would now be deadly. **31.Kh2 Rxg4 32.hxg6 Kxg6 33.Rxa5 h5 34.Rb5 f6 35.Ra5 h4 36.Kh3 Rf4 37.Rb5 f5**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.05 (flawless) /Black=0.05 (flawless)
½-½

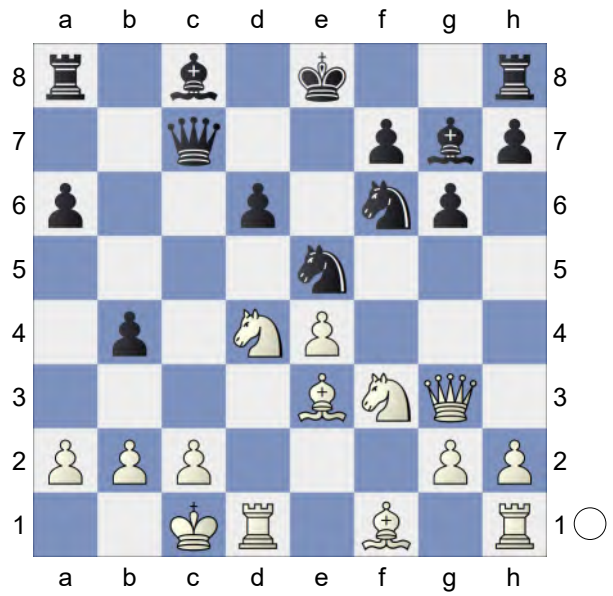
B48

□ **Muzychuk,A.** **2544**
■ **Sethuraman,S.** **2624**
Gibraltar Masters 2015 (8.23) 03.02.2015
[Kitty Kat]

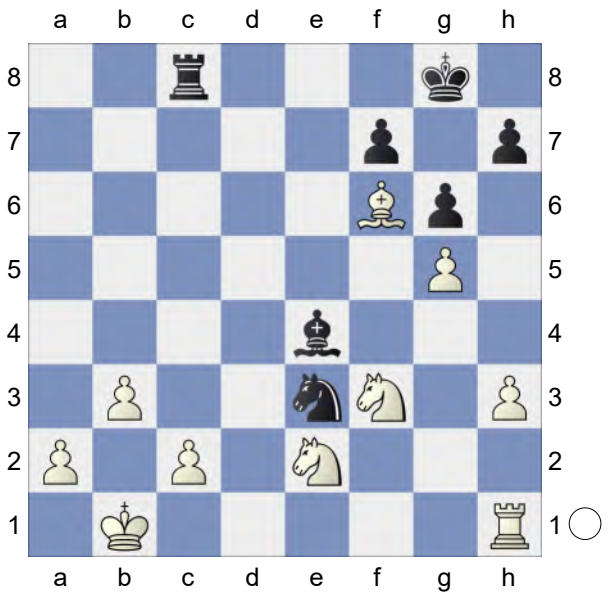
B48: Sicilian: Taimanov: 5 Nc3 Qc7 6 Be3 a6 without Be2
1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nc6 5.Nc3
[5.g3 Qb6 6.Nb3 Nf6 7.Bg2 Be7 8.0-0 0-0 9.Nc3 a6 10.Be3 Qc7 11.a4 Ne5 12.Bf4 d6 13.a5 Bd7 B 44/01 2001]
5...Qc7 6.Be3N
[6.g3 a6 7.Bg2 Nf6 8.0-0 Be7 9.Nce2 0-0 10.c4 Nxd4 11.Qxd4 d6 12.b3 Bd7 13.Bb2 Bc6 14.Rac1 b6 15.Nc3 Qb7 16.Rfe1 Rfd8 17.Qe3 Re8 18.Qd2 b5 19.Nd5 exd5 20.cxd5 Bd7 ½-½ (37) Damjanovic,M-Browne,W 8/457 San Juan 1969 21.e5 Ng4 22.h3 Nh6 23.e6 Bc8 24.g4 Qb8 25.g5 Nf5 26.Be4 fxe6 27.Bxf5 e5 28.Qd3 Bxf5 29.Qxf5 Qd8 30.h4 Rf8 31.Qe6+ Kh8 32.Re4 Qb6 33.Rc2 Rae8 34.Rxe5 Qd8 35.Rf5 Rg8 ½-½ (37) Damjanovic,M-Langeweg,K 1/269 Beverwijk 1966]
6...a6 7.Qf3 Nf6 8.0-0-0 Ne5 9.Qg3 Strongly threatening f4. White is slightly better. **9...b5 10.f4**
[10.Bxb5!? axb5 11.Ndxb5±]
10...Neg4 11.Bg1 b4 12.Nb1 -0.08/20
[12.Na4± 0.60/25]
12...e5=
[12...Nxe4 13.Qxg4 Bb7 14.Bd3±]
13.fxe5 Nxe5 14.Nd2↑ Black is under pressure. **14...d6 15.N2f3** -0.57/23
[15.Be2= -0.03/23]
15...g6∓ 16.Be3 -0.92/22
[16.Nxe5∓ -0.49/24 is superior. dxe5 17.Nf3]
16...Bg7 0.04/19
[16...Bb7∓ -0.92/22 Threatens to win with ...Rc8. 17.Nxe5 dxe5]

(Diagram)

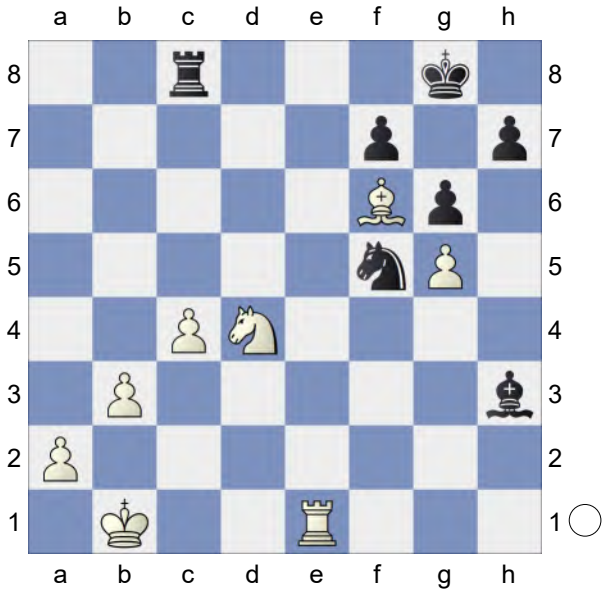
17.Bb5+!= Bd7!
[17...axb5 18.Nxb5 Qa5 19.Nxd6+ Kf8 20.Qxe5 *(20.Nxe5 Be6=)* 20...Qxe5 21.Nxe5 Nxe4 22.Nc6 *(22.Nexf7 Rxa2 23.Nxe4 Kxf7±; 22.Ndxf7 Bf5+-)* 22...Nxd6 23.Rxd6+-]



18.Nf5! Pin, Discovered Attack, Double Attack **18...axb5** 1.78/20 A mistake that costs the game.
[18...Bf8!± 0.32/19 19.Bxd7+ Nfxd7]
19.Nxd6++-
[19.Nxg7+ Ke7 20.Bg5 h6-+]
19...Kf8 2.33/20
[⌓19...Qxd6 1.84/22 20.Rxd6 Nxe4]
20.Qxe5 aiming for Bc5.
[20.Nxe5 Rxa2 21.Bd4 *(21.Ndxf7? Ra1+ 22.Kd2 Nxe4+ 23.Ke1 Rxd1+ 24.Kxd1 Nxg3-+; 21.Nexf7? Rxb2 22.Rd2 b3-+)* 21...Ra1+ 22.Kd2 Qxd6=]
20...Ng4 21.Qc5 Qxc5 22.Bxc5 Kg8 23.h3
[23.Bxb4 Rxa2 24.Rhe1 Bxb2+ 25.Kb1 Be6±]
23...Bh6+ 24.Kb1 Be6 25.b3
[25.hxg4 Bxa2+ 26.Ka1 Bd5+ 27.Kb1 Ba2+ 28.Ka1 Bc4+ 29.Kb1 Ba2+=]
25...Ne3 26.Rd2 Kg7 27.Bxb4 Rhd8 28.g4 Hoping for g5! **28...Bf4 29.Nxb5 Bd7 30.Nbd4 Kg8 31.Ne2 Bh6 32.g5 Bg7 33.Bc3 Bc6 34.Rxd8+ Rxd8 35.Bxg7 Bxe4 36.Bf6 Rc8**
(Diagram)



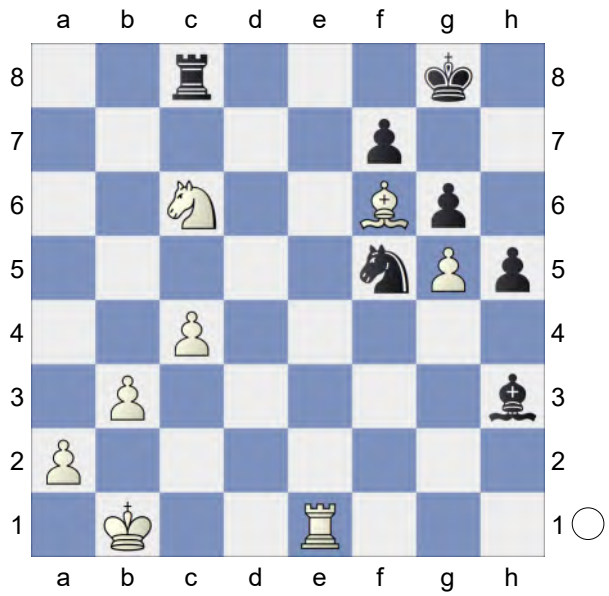
37.Rc1! Bxf3 38.Nd4 Bg2 39.c4 Bxh3 40.Re1 Nf5



41.Nc6! Deflection, Back Rank **41...h5**
[41...Kf8 42.Na7]

(Diagram)

42.gxh6! Kh7
[42...g5 43.Ne7+]
43.Nd8 Nd6 44.Kb2 Bf5 45.Be7 g5 46.Bxg5 Ne4 47.Bh4
[47.Nxf7 Rf8 48.Rxe4 Bxe4±]



47...Rc7 48.a4 Kxh6 49.a5 Kh5 50.Rf1 Bg6 51.Bf2 White is clearly winning. **51...Nd2 52.Rh1+ Kg4 53.Rh4+ Kf3 54.Bb6 Rd7 55.Rd4 Rxd4 56.Bxd4** KBN-KBN **56...Ke2 57.a6 Be4 58.c5 f5 59.c6 f4 60.c7 Bf5 61.a7**

Weighted Error Value: White=0.08 (flawless) /Black=0.25 (precise)

1-0

B40

□ **Harikrishna,P.** **2723**

■ **Muzychuk,A.** **2544**

Gibraltar Masters 2015 (7.9) 02.02.2015

[Kitty Kat]

B40: Sicilian: 2...e6, Unusual lines

The preparation for a match became more seriously. Chess books had an inferior level and opportunities for practice were sparse at the beginning of the nineteenth century. Openings could be studied by ⇔Bilguer's Handbuch des Schachspiels' and games by chess journals half-a-century later. The train enabled training in other cities. Anderssen and Morphy utilised the new chances for the first time.

Their approach to chess is comparable with La Bourdonnais. Pieces are developed as fast as possible in order to take the initiative. If the advantage is large enough, the game is decided by a combination. The adversary is mated or loses a lot of material.

Anderssen's innovation lies in the high efficiency of the development. Opponents are crushed quickly.

The progress by Morphy lies in his great accuracy. Modern attacks without blunders start by him. He still loses sometimes, because he takes youthful risks.

The new approach appeared for the first time in London 1851. The match tournament was organised at the occasion of the first World Fair. Sixteen players from England, Scotland, France, Germany and Hungary fought in the small St. George Club. Anderssen defeated Kieseritzky by two wins in the first round. The draw did not count. Four wins were needed in the next rounds.

The first knock-out tournament was won by a new star. Anderssen defeated Kieseritzky by two wins in the first round. The draw did not count. Four wins were needed in the next rounds.Bird, H.: '[Exhibition Tournament, 1851.]' **1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Nc3**

[3.c3 d6 4.d4 Nf6 5.Bd3 g6 6.0-0 Bg7 7.h3 0-0 8.d5 Nb8 9.Re1 Na6 10.Bf4 Nc7 11.Bf1 b5 12.a4 bxa4 13.Rxa4 a5 14.Bh2 Bd7 15.Ra3 a4 16.Nbd2 Rb8 17.Nc4 Bb5 1-0 (50) 5 - Mainline 6... h5 - Sideli (2540)-Scarella,E (2425) YUG-ch Novi Sad 1985 (13)]

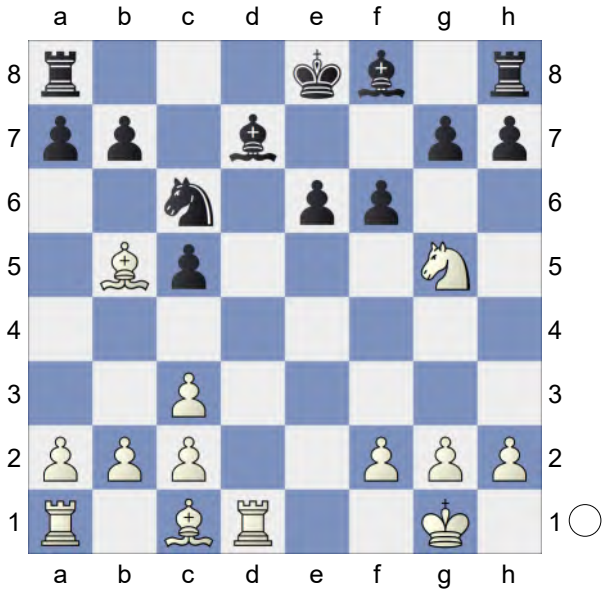
3...e6

[3...g6 4.g3 Bg7 5.Bg2 d6 6.d3 e6 7.0-0 Nge7 8.Re1 0-0 9.Bg5 h6 10.Bd2 Rb8 11.a4 a6 12.Qc1 Kh7 13.Ne2 b5 14.axb5 axb5 15.Bc3 e5 16.h3 Be6 17.g4 b4 18.Bd2 1-0 (36) Spraggett,K (2183)-Kordonowski,F (2145) 9/191 Hastings 1970 (1)]

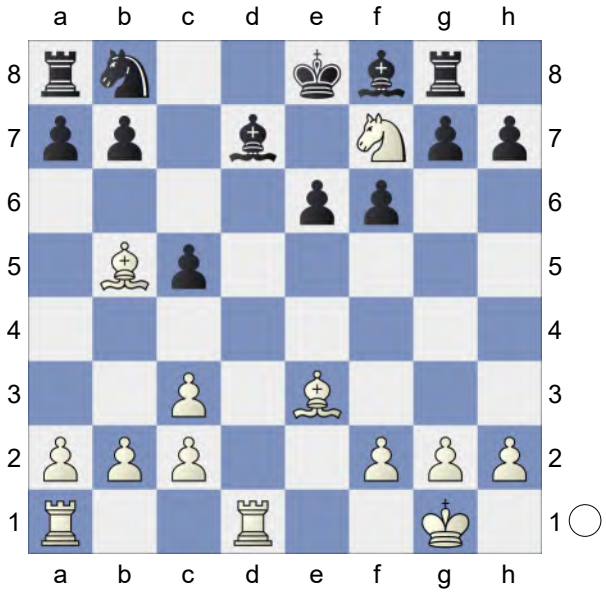
4.Be2N

[4.Bc4 a6 5.a4 Nge7 6.Qe2 Ng6 7.d3 Be7 8.Be3 0-0 9.0-0 f5 10.exf5 Rxf5 11.Nb1 b6 12.c3 Bb7 13.Nbd2 Qc7 14.d4 Nf4 15.Qd1 Raf8 16.dxc5 bxc5 17.Bxf4 Qxf4 18.Re1 Ne5 0-1 (41) Szen,J-Anderssen,A 92639 London 1851 (2.4) 19.Be2 Rg5 20.Kf1 Ng4 21.h4 Qh2 22.Bc4 Qh1+ 23.Ke2 Qxg2 24.Nxg5 Bxg5 25.hxg5 Qxf2+ 26.Kd3 Qf5+ 27.Ke2 Qe5+ 28.Kd3 Nf2+ 29.Kc2 Qf5+ 30.Kb3 Nxd1 31.Raxd1 Qxg5 32.Bd3 Rf2 33.Ne4 c4+ 0-1 (41) Adu,O-2.c4 e5 USSR corr 1987 (2.4)]

4...Nf6 5.0-0 d5 6.exd5 Nxd5 7.Bb5 Nxc3 8.dxc3 Qxd1 9.Rxd1 White is slightly better. **9...Bd7 10.Ng5** Nxf7! would now be deadly. **10...f6**



11.Nf7 Decoy **11...Rg8 12.Be3** Threatens to win with Nd6+. **12...Nb8**



13.Rxd7 -1.07/19 **Nxd7∓ 14.Rd1 Kxf7?** 1.56/21

[14...a6?! 15.Bc4 Kxf7 *(15...Ke7 16.Rd6=)* 16.Rxd7+ Be7 17.Bxc5± *(17.Rxb7 Rgb8∓)*]

[14...Be7!∓ -0.85/25 15.Nh6 *(15.Bxd7+ Kxf7 16.Re1 c4∓; 15.Rxd7 a6∓)* 15...gxh6 16.Rxd7 a6 17.Rxe7+ *(17.Ba4? b5-+)* 17...Kxe7 18.Bxc5+ Kf7]

15.Rxd7+±

[15.Bxd7 g5 16.h4 gxh4-+]

15...Kg6 16.g4

[16.Rxb7?! Bd6=]

16...Rh8 2.20/17

[16...f5± 1.21/18 was called for.]

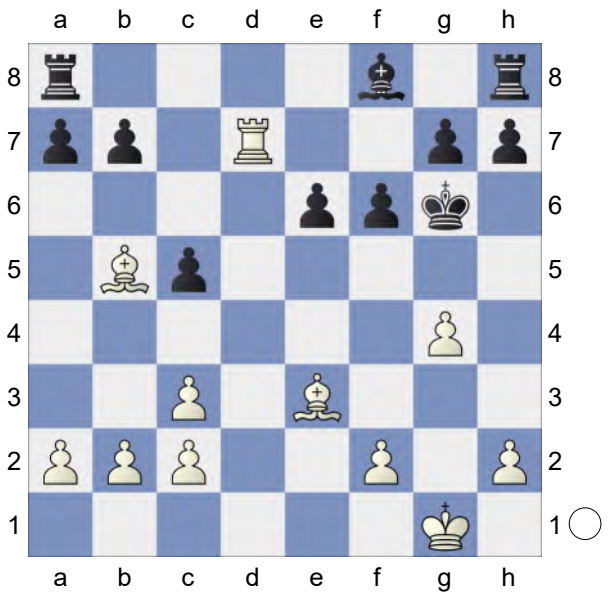
(Diagram)

17.h4!+-

[17.Rxb7?! f5±]

17...h5 18.Bd3+

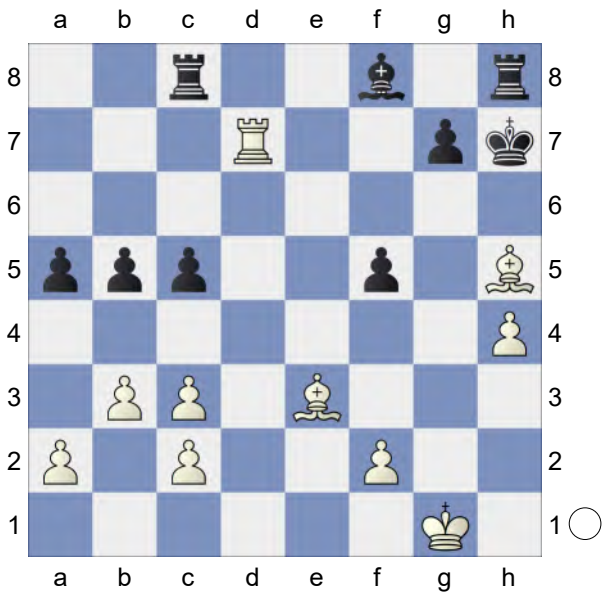
[18.Rxb7 hxg4 19.Bc4 Rxh4 20.Bxe6 g3 21.fxg3 Re4 22.Bf7+ Kh7∓]



18...f5 19.gxf5+
[19.Rxb7 hxg4 20.Bg5 Bd6∓]
19...exf5 20.Bc4
[20.Rxb7 Bd6=]
20...b5 2.68/24
[20...Rh6 1.72/19 was necessary. 21.Rxb7 Kh7 22.Bxh6 Kxh6]
21.Bf7+ Kh7 22.Bxh5 Rc8 23.b3 0.88/22
[23.Rxa7?! Bd6±]
[23.Bf7+- 2.17/22 is more deadly.]
23...a5 1.57/18
[Black should play 23...Rc6 0.88/22]

(Diagram)

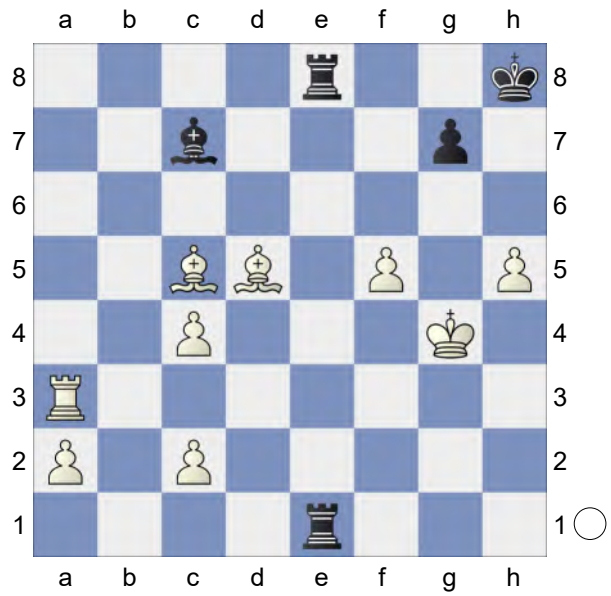
24.c4 0.34/20 White is much more active.
[24.Bf7!± 1.57/18]
24...bxc4± 25.bxc4 Rc6! 26.Bf7 White has compensation. **26...Bd6** Against Bf4 **27.h5** Hoping for Bg6+.
27...Rf8 28.Bg6+ Kg8 29.f4 Bc7 0.88/25
[29...Rf6= 0.13/24 keeps the balance.]
30.Kf2 a4 31.Kf3 a3 32.Rd3 Ra8



1.72/22
[32...Bd6± 0.96/26 might work better.]
33.Bxf5+- And now Be4 would win.
33...Rb6 3.22/23
[33...Rd8 1.84/23 was worth a try. 34.Be4 *(34.Rxa3 Rf6∓)* 34...Rxd3 35.cxd3 Rf6]
34.Be4 A strong pair of Bishops.
34...Rf8 35.f5
[35.Bxc5? perishes. Rxf4+ 36.Ke3 Re6∓]
[35.Rxa3 Bxf4 36.Bxf4 Rbf6±]
35...Rb1 36.Rxa3 Rh1 37.Kg4 Prevents Rh4+.
[But not 37.Bxc5 Rh3+ 38.Kg4 Rxa3 39.Bxa3 Rb8+-]
37...Re1 38.Bd5+ Kh8 4.76/25
[⌓38...Kh7 3.25/22 39.Bxc5 Rfe8]
39.Bxc5 White is clearly winning.
39...Rfe8

(Diagram)

40.h6! Deflection **40...gxh6**
[40...Rf1 41.hxg7+]
41.f6 h5+ 7.12/20
[⌓41...Rf1 4.80/18 42.f7 Rf4+



43.Kh3 Rd8]

42.Kxh5

Weighted Error Value: White=0.23 (precise) /Black=0.40

1-0

D11

□ **Jakovenko,D.** **2733**

■ **Muzychuk,A.** **2544**

Gibraltar Masters 2015 (5.10) 31.01.2015

[Kitty Kat]

D11: Slav Defence: 3 Nf3 sidelines and 3...Nf6 4 e3 Bg4

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.e3 Bg4 5.Nc3 e6 6.Qb3 Qb6 7.Nh4 Bh5 8.h3 Qxb3 9.axb3 White has an edge. **9...Na6 10.g4 Nb4 11.Kd1** Against Nc2 **11...Bg6 12.Nxg6 hxg6 13.g5 Nd7 14.Bd2 Be7 15.Rg1 0-0 16.f4 c5 17.cxd5 exd5N**

[17...cxd4 18.dxe6 dxc3 19.bxc3 Nc5 20.exf7+ Kh7 21.cxb4 Nxb3 22.Bc4 Nxd2 23.Kxd2 Rac8 24.Rg4 1-0 Wang,H (2717)-Navara,D (2734) China Elite Mind blitz 2016 (20)]

18.Bg2 cxd4 19.exd4 Nb6 20.Re1 Bd8 21.Be3 0.03/24

[21.Re3± 0.49/25 deserves consideration.]

21...a6 22.Kd2

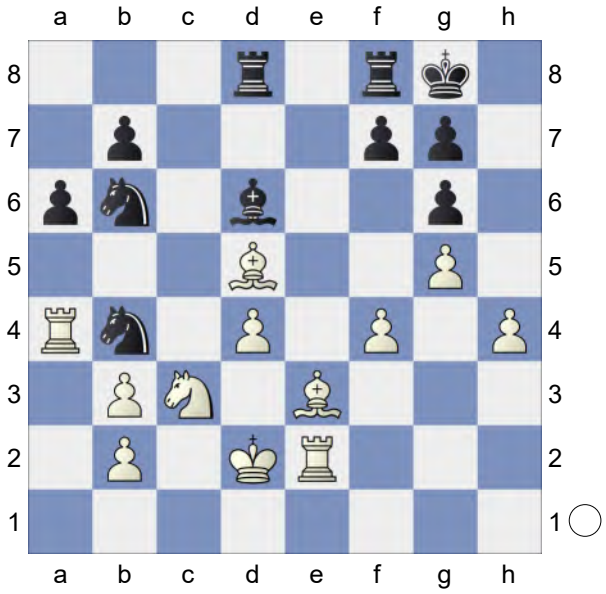
[22.Na4 simplifies Nxa4 23.bxa4 Rc8 24.Rc1]

22...Bc7 23.Re2 Rad8 24.h4 Nc8 25.Ra4 Bd6 26.Bxd5

[26.Nxd5? Nxd5 27.Bxd5 b5 28.Rxa6 Bb4+ 29.Kd3 Rxd5-+]

26...Nb6

[26...Nxd5 simplifies 27.Nxd5 f6 28.Kd3 Kf7]



27.Rxb4! Bxb4 28.Bxb7 Nd5 29.Kd3 Nxe3 30.Rxe3 Rd6 aiming for ...Rfd8. **31.d5** -1.19/24

[31.Ne4!= 0.04/22 remains equal. Rd7 32.Bc6 *(32.Bxa6 Rfd8∓)*]

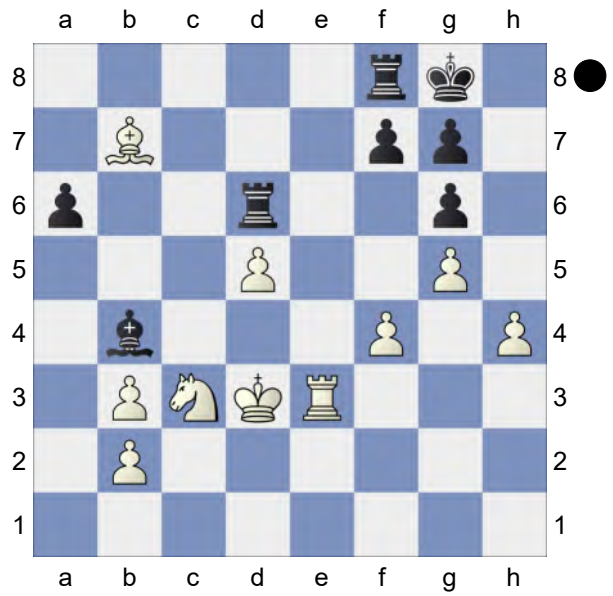
(Diagram)

31...Rb8 -0.20/22

[31...Rb6!∓ -1.19/24 32.Bc6 Bd6]

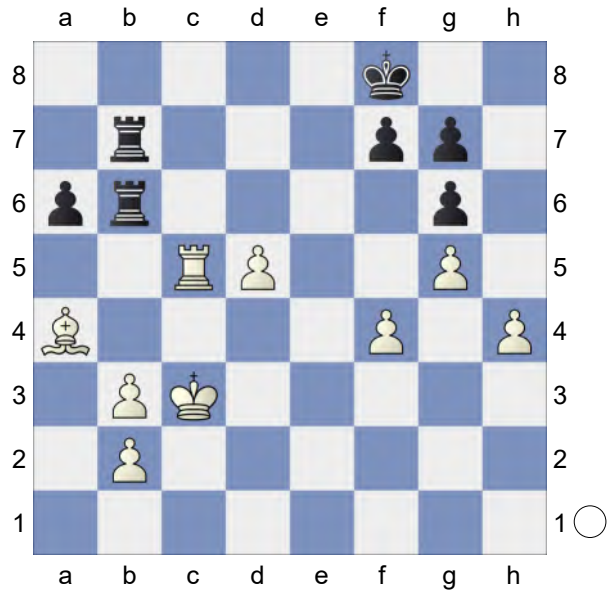
32.Bc6= Ba5 Black has compensation.

[32...Bc5 33.Re4 Rdd8 *(33...Rxb3?*



too greedy. *34.Re8+ Kh7 35.Kc4+-)*
34.Ra4]

33.Kc2 Rdd8 34.Re4 Rb4 35.Rc4 And now Na4 would win. **35...Rdb8 36.Ba4 R4b6! 37.Ne4 Bb4 38.Nc5 Bxc5 39.Rxc5** Endgame. KRR-KRB **39...Kf8 40.Kc3 R8b7** 0.45/29
[40...Ke7∓ -0.36/26 41.Rc7+ Kd6 42.Rxf7 Kxd5]



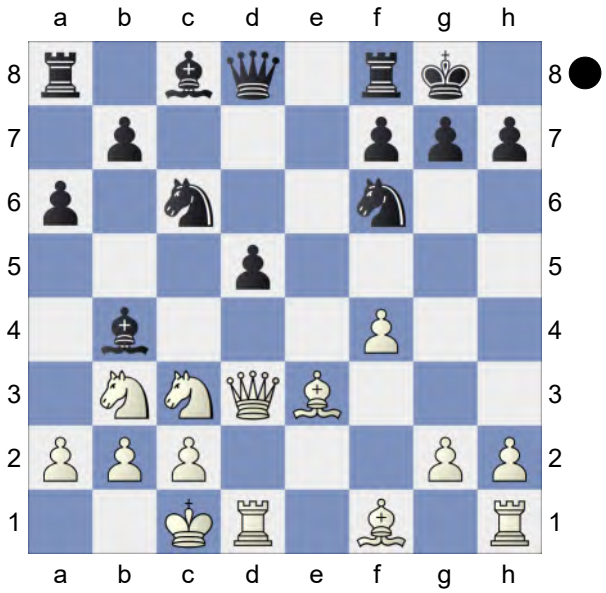
41.d6!± Rb8 Prevents Rc8+.
[41...Rxd6? is the wrong capture. 42.Rc8++-]

42.d7 White wants to mate with Rc8+.
42...Rd8 43.f5 0.05/23
[White should try 43.Bc6± 0.62/24]
43...gxf5!= The position is equal.
44.Rxf5 Ke7 45.Kd4 g6 46.Rf2 f5 47.gxf6+
Weighted Error Value: White=0.09 (flawless) /Black=0.09 (flawless)
½-½

B32
□ **Muzychuk,A.** **2504**
■ **Paehtz,E.** **2471**
FIDE World Cup Women 2023 (5.7)
[Kitty Kat]

B33: Sicilian: Pelikan and Sveshnikov Variations
1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Qb6
[4...d6 5.c4 Nf6 6.Nc3 Qb6 7.Nxc6 bxc6 8.Be2 g6 9.0-0 Bg7 10.Qc2 0-0 11.Be3 Qc7 12.Rac1 Ng4 13.Bxg4 Bxg4 14.h3 Be6 15.Ne2 c5 16.Nf4 Rfb8 17.Rb1 a5 18.Nd5 Bxd5 19.exd5 1-0 (27) Fuks,M (2095)-Dalkiran,S (1993) 4/385 United States 1967 (4)]
5.Nb3 e6N
[5...Nf6 6.Bd3 d6 7.0-0 g6 8.c4 Bg7 9.Nc3 0-0 10.Be3 Qd8 11.Be2 b6 12.f3 Bb7 13.Qd2 Rc8 14.Rac1 Nd7 15.Rfd1 Nc5 16.Nd4 Nxd4 17.Bxd4 Bxd4+ 18.Qxd4 Qe8 19.b4 Ne6 20.Qe3 1-0 (36) Dominguez,L (2596)-Gonzalez,J (2518) XIV Carlos Torre 2001 (11)]
6.Nc3 Nf6 7.Qe2 Bb4 8.Bd2 0-0 9.0-0-0 0.18/21
[9.a3± 0.54/23 is superior. Be7 10.e5]
9...a6 1.15/20

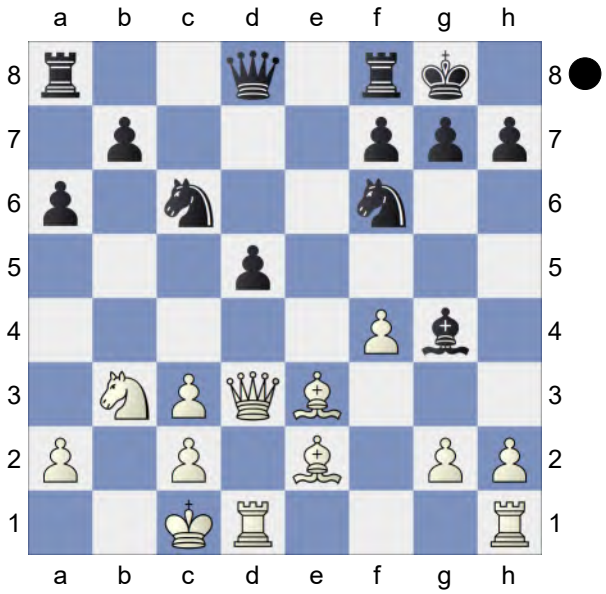
[9...d5= 0.18/21 remains equal.]
10.f4 0.06/21
[10.a3± 1.15/20 Be7 11.g4]
10...d5= 11.exd5 -0.99/21
[11.e5= 0.19/25 Bxc3 12.Bxc3]
11...exd5∓ 12.Be3 -1.70/22
[12.h3∓ -1.28/21]
12...Qd8!-+ And now ...Bg4 would win.
13.Qd3



Bg4 -0.88/21
[Black should play 13...Bxc3!-+ -1.67/22 14.Qxc3 Bg4]
14.Be2∓ Bxc3 15.bxc3 -2.19/21
[15.Bxg4∓ -0.78/24 is the only way for White. Bxb2+ 16.Kxb2 Nxg4 17.Bc5]

(Diagram)

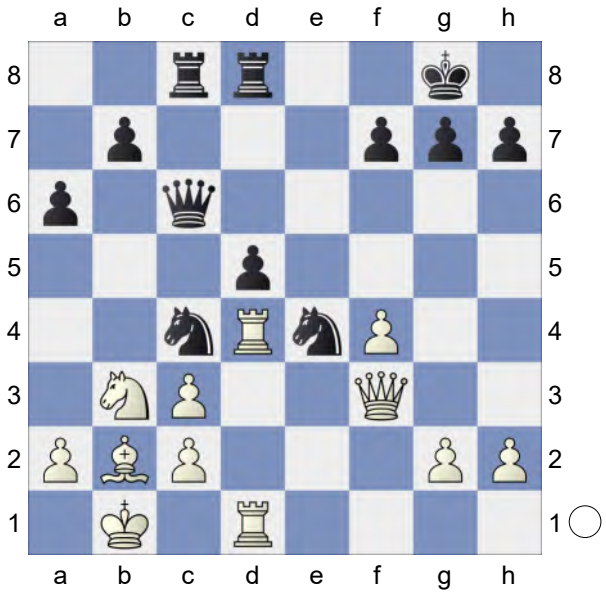
15...Bxe2!-+ 16.Qxe2 Qe7 aiming for ... Rfe8. **17.Qd3** -1.98/20
[17.Kb2∓ -1.58/19 keeps fighting.]
17...Qa3+ -1.53/18
[Black should try 17...Rfc8-+ -1.98/20 18.Kb2 Ne4]
18.Kb1∓ Ne4 -1.14/23 Prevents Bc5.
[18...Rfc8-+ -1.70/20 ...Ne4 would



now be deadly. 19.Bc1 Qa4]
19.Rhf1 -1.66/25
[19.Bc1∓ -1.14/23 Qa4 20.Qf3]
19...Rac8-+ 20.Bc1 Qa4 Strongly threatening ...Ne5! **21.Bb2 Rfd8 22.Qf3 Na5** Excellent horsemanship. **23.Rd4** -3.74/21
[23.Nxa5 -1.80/18 was necessary. Qxa5 24.Rd3]
23...Nc4 24.Rfd1 Qxe4! is the strong threat. **24...Qc6??** 3.36/17
[24...Re8-+ -2.82/20 avoids the disaster. Hoping for ...a5. 25.Ka1 Qc6]

(Diagram)

25.Qxe4!!+- Pin **25...Nxb2**
[25...dxe4 26.Rxd8+]
26.Kxb2 Qxc3+ 27.Kb1 a5 28.Rxd5 Rxd5 29.Rxd5 White is clearly winning.
[Stronger than 29.Qxd5 Qxc2+ 30.Ka1 Qc3+ 31.Kb1 Qc2+ 32.Ka1 Qc3+ 33.Kb1 Qc2+=]
29...h6 30.Qd3 Qe1+ 31.Kb2 Re8 32.Rd8 a4 White must now prevent ... a3+. **33.Rxe8+ Qxe8 34.Nc5 Qc6**



35.Ne4 f5 36.Nc3 Qb6+ 37.Ka3 Qc6 38.Qd5+

Weighted Error Value: White=0.38/ Black=0.59

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C67

☐ **Muzychuk,A.** **2520**

■ **Goryachkina,A.** **2553**

FIDE Women's Candidates (9.4) 14.4.24

[Kitty Kat]

C67: Ruy Lopez: Berlin Defence: 4 0-0 Nxe4

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 Nf6 4.0-0 Nxe4 5.Re1 Nd6 6.Nxe5 Be7 7.Bf1 Nxe5 8.Rxe5 0-0 9.d4 Bf6 10.Re1 Re8 11.Nc3 Rxe1 12.Qxe1 Bxd4 13.Bf4 Nd5 is the strong threat.

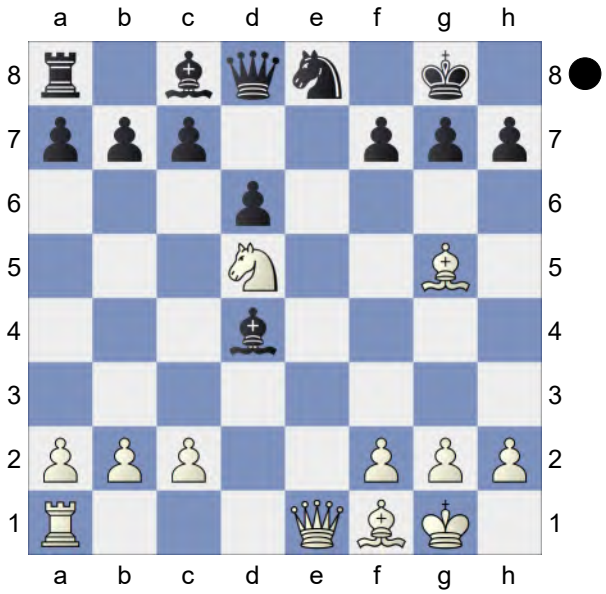
13...Ne8! 14.Nd5 d6 15.Bg5

(Diagram)

Deflection, Back Rank **15...f6! 16.Be3**

[16.Bc4 with more complications. Kh8 17.Qe4 fxg5 18.Bd3]

[16.Bh4 Bxb2 *(16...g5 17.Qe4 Bxb2 18.Re1 Be5 19.f4 gxh4 20.fxe5 dxe5 21.Bd3 Kf8 22.Ne3 Qd4 23.Qxh7 Be6 24.Bg6 Rd8 25.Qh6+ Ke7 26.Qh7+ Kf8 27.h3 Qd2 28.Qxh4 Rd4 29.Qh8+ Bg8 30.Qh6+ Ng7 31.Rf1* 1-0 (65) Aranaz Murillo,A (2658)-Zamlutti Junior,R (2656) Toshkent 2022*)* 17.Rb1 Be5 18.f4 c6 19.fxe5 cxd5 20.exf6 Nxf6 21.Bd3 Bd7 22.Qg3 Bc6 23.Rf1 Qb6+ 24.Kh1 Ne4 25.Qf4 h6 26.Qf7+ Kh8 27.Bxe4 dxe4 28.Bf6 Rg8 29.Qg6 Qe3 30.Bxg7+ 1-0 Firouzja,A (2703)-Aronian,L (2778) Skilling Open | Prelims 2020 (9.8)]

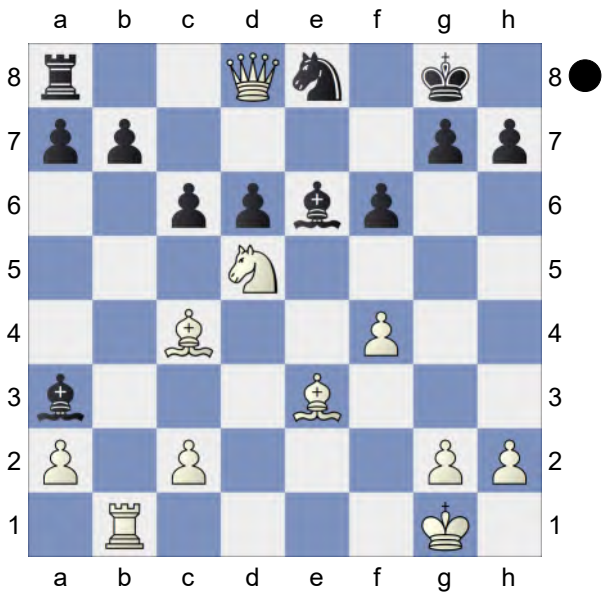


16...Be5 17.f4N

[17.Bc4 Kh8 18.f4 Bxb2 19.Rb1 c6 20.Rxb2 cxd5 21.Bxd5 Nc7 22.Bxb7 Rb8 23.Qb1 Nd5 24.Bxa7 Nc3 25.Qe1 Rxb7 26.Rxb7 Bxb7 27.Qxc3 Qa8 28.Bd4 Qxa2 29.Qb3 Qxb3 30.cxb3 Kg8 31.Kf2 Kf7 ½-½ (32) Hinteregger,A (2719)-Marosi,G (2758) Jordan Memorial corr 2004]

17...Bxb2 18.Rb1 Ba3 19.Qa5 Be6 20.Bc4! c6! 21.Qxd8

(Diagram)



Remove Defender **21...Rxd8 22.Nxf6+** Discovered Attack **22...Kf7! 23.Bxe6+ Kxf6**
[Much weaker is 23...Kxe6?! 24.Nxe8 Rxe8 25.Rb3+-]
24.Bg8 This pair of bishops is nice. **24...Bc5 25.Bxc5 dxc5 26.Bxh7=** Endgame. KRB-KRN
[26.Rxb7? perishes. Nd6 27.Rc7 Rxg8-+]
26...Nd6 Threatening ...g6. **27.g4** And now g5+ would win. **27...g6** Strongly threatening ...Rh8. **28.Re1 Nf7** ...Rd4 would now be deadly. **29.g5+ Kg7 30.Re7!** aiming for f5! **30...Rf8 31.Rxb7** -0.54/24
[31.Bxg6= -0.01/28 Kxg6 32.Kg2]
31...Kxh7∓ 32.Rxa7= KRN-KR **32...Kg8! 33.Rc7** -1.12/24
[33.Kg2∓ -0.64/26 might be stronger.]
33...Ra8 0.00/26
[33...Nd8∓ -1.12/24 34.Rc8 Nb7 35.Rxc6 Kg7 *(35...Rxf4 36.Rxg6+ Kf7 37.Rc6∓)* 36.Rc7+ Rf7 37.Rxf7+ Kxf7]
34.Rxc6 The position is equal. **34...Kg7 35.Rxc5 Nd6 36.Rc7+ Kf8 37.Kf2 Rxa2 38.Kf3 Ra3+ 39.c3 Nb5 40.Rc8+ Kf7 41.Kg4 Rxc3 42.Rxc3 Nxc3 43.f5 Nd5** White must now prevent ...Ne3+. **44.fxg6+ Kxg6 45.h4**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.06 (flawless) /Black=0.04 (flawless)
½-½

C50
□ **Lei,Tingjie** **2550**
■ **Muzychuk,A.** **2520**
FIDE Women's Candidates (11.1)
[Kitty Kat]

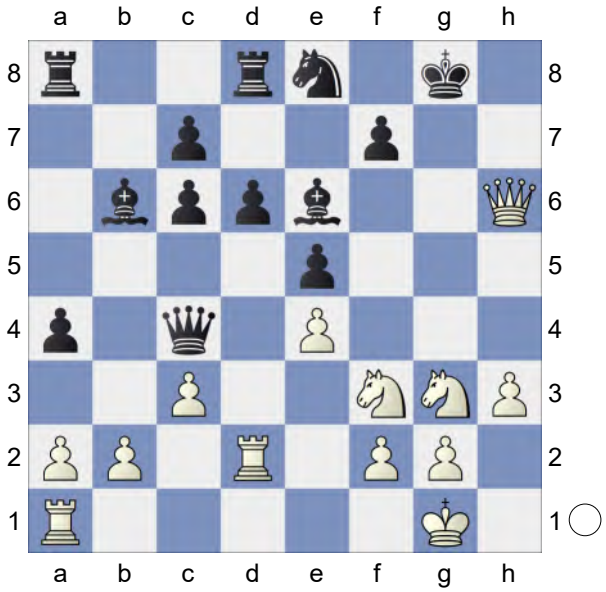
C54: Giuoco Piano: 4 c3 Nf6, main lines with 5 d4 and 5 d3
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.d3 Nf6 5.0-0 d6 6.c3 a5 7.Nbd2 0-0 8.Re1N
[8.h3 Ba7 9.Re1 Ne7 10.Nf1 Ng6 *(10...c6 11.Ng3 b5 12.Bb3 a4 13.Bc2 Ng6 14.d4 h6 15.Be3 Be6 16.Qd2 Re8 17.a3 Qe7 18.Rad1 Qf8 19.Qc1 Rad8 20.Qb1 Bb8 21.Qc1 d5 22.dxe5 Nxe4 23.Bxe4 dxe4 24.Nxe4 Rxd1 25.Rxd1* 0-1 (54) Yugoslav Qa5 (2572)-Deslandes,P (2766) (m/1) 78/295 2000 (10) *Rd8 26.Bc5 Rxd1+ 27.Qxd1 Qe8 28.Nd6 Qd7 29.Qd4 Bd5 30.Nh2 f6 31.f4 fxe5 32.fxe5 Qe6 33.Ng4 h5 34.Ne3 Nxe5 35.Ndf5 Kh7 36.Nxd5 Qxf5 37.Ne3 Qg6 38.Qd1 Nd3 39.Bd4 Nxb2 40.Qe2* 0-1 (54) Zhigalko,S (2572)-Caruana,F (2766) Titled Tuesday intern op 21st Feb Late blitz 2023 (10) *)* 11.Ng3 c6 12.d4 h6 13.Bd3 Re8 14.Bc2 Qc7 15.Be3 c5 16.dxe5 dxe5 17.Nf5 Be6 18.Qc1 c4 19.Bxh6 Nh5 20.Bxg7 Nxg7 21.Qh6 Bxf5 22.exf5 Nf8 1-0 (25) Krause,B

(2478)-Walter,A (2241) GER-ch blitz 2022 (12)]

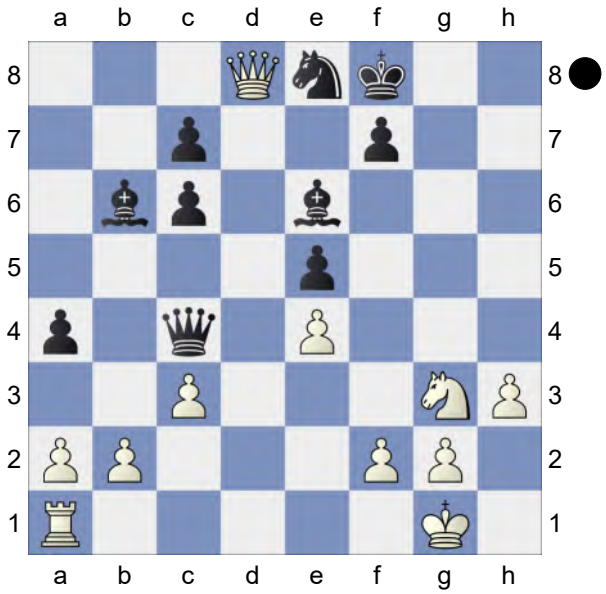
8...Be6 9.Bb5 Qb8 10.Nf1 Qa7 11.Re2 a4 12.h3 Qa5 13.Bxc6 bxc6 14.Ng5 Bb6 15.Ng3 h6 16.Nf3 Rfd8 17.Bd2 Qa6 18.Qc1 Qxd3 19.Bxh6! Demolition **19...gxh6** 0.55/19

[19...Nh7!∓ -0.50/20]

20.Qxh6± Ne8 21.Rd2 The board is on fire. **21...Qc4**



22.Nxe5 -0.75/20 **dxe5∓ 23.Rxd8 Rxd8 24.Qg5+ Kf8! 25.Qxd8**



a3!↑ White is under strong pressure.

26.Qd2 axb2 27.Qxb2 Qd3! Strongly threatening ...Bxh3. **28.Kh2 Nd6** Black has strong compensation.

29.Re1 Nb5 -0.43/21

[Better is 29...Nc4!∓ -0.99/20 30.Qb4+ c5]

30.c4 -1.80/20 White is weak on the dark squares **30...Qc3**

[30...Qxc4 31.Qd2 *(31.Qxe5 Bxf2 32.Qh8+ Ke7-+)* 31...Ke8 *(31...Qxa2 32.Qd8+ Kg7 33.Nh5+ Kg6 34.Qf6+ Kxh5 35.g4+ Bxg4 36.hxg4+ Kxg4 37.Rg1+ Kh5 38.Qh8#)* 32.Nh5]

[30...Bxc4 31.Qxe5 Be6 32.Qf6∓]

31.Qe2 -2.25/23

[⩲31.Qxc3 -1.86/21 Nxc3 32.f3]

31...Bxc4 -1.03/23

[31...Nd6-+ -2.25/23 32.Rd1 Qxc4 33.Qxc4 Bxc4]

32.Qg4 Nd6 Prevents Qc8+

[32...Qxe1 33.Qc8+ Ke7 34.Nf5+ Kf6 35.Qh8+ Ke6 36.Qd8]

33.Qg5 Black must now prevent Qd8+.

33...Qxe1 34.Nf5? -3.28/31

[34.Qd8+∓ -1.54/25 Ne8 35.Nf5]

34...Nxf5-+

[34...Bxf2 35.Qd8+ Ne8 36.Qe7+ Kg8 37.Qg5+ *(37.Qxe8+ Kh7)* 37...Kf8 38.Qh6+ Kg8 39.Ne7#]

35.Qd8+ Kg7 36.Qg5+ Kf8 37.Qd8+ Kg7 38.Qg5+ Kh8 (-> ...Bxf2!) **39.exf5**

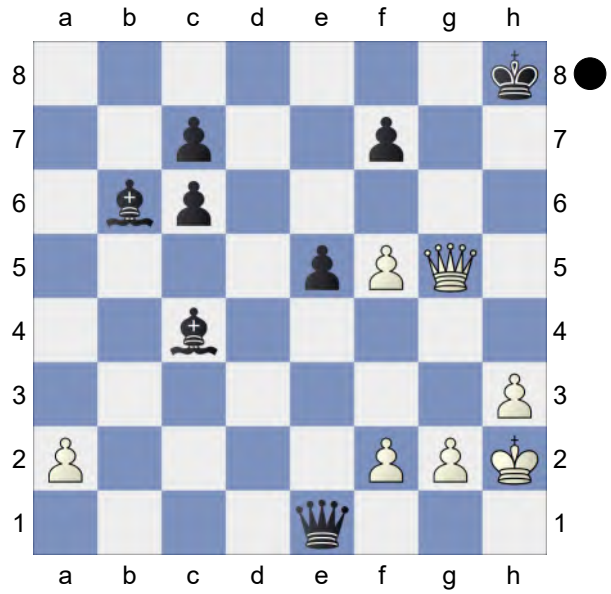
(Diagram)

f6 would kill now. **39...f6!**

[Not 39...Bxf2 40.Qh5+ Kg7 41.Qg5+ Kh7 42.Qh5+ Kg7 43.Qg5+ Kh7 44.Qh5+ Kg7=]

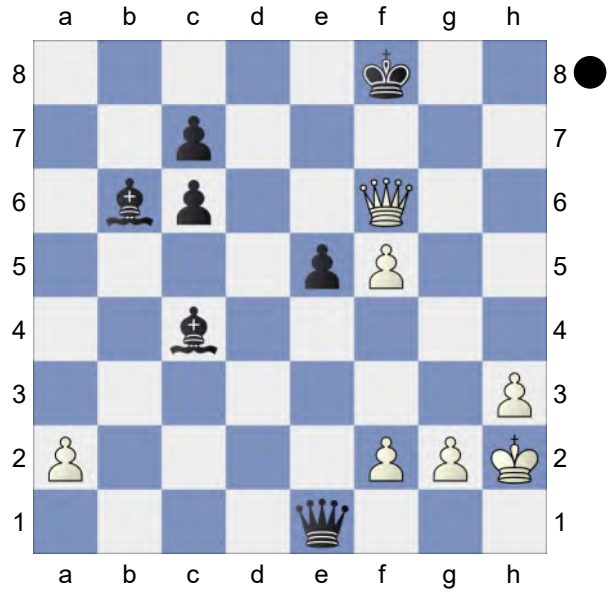
[Weaker is 39...Bxa2 40.f6]

[39...Qxf2 40.Qh6+ Kg8 41.Qg5+ Kf8 42.Qd8+ Kg7 43.Qg5+ Kh7 44.Qh5+ Kg8 45.Qg5+ Kf8 46.Qd8+ Kg7 47.Qg5+ Kh7 48.Qh5+ Kg8



49.Qg5+=]

40.Qxf6+ Kg8 41.Qg6+ Kf8 42.Qf6+



Bf7? 0.00/46

[42...Ke8!-+ -2.40/31 43.Qxc6+ Kd8 44.Qxc4 Kc8 *(44...Bxf2 45.Qg8+ Ke7 46.Qe6+ Kf8 47.Qf6+ Kg8 48.Qg6+ Kf8 49.Qf6+ Ke8 50.Qg6+ Kf8 51.Qh6+ Ke8 52.Qg6+ Kd8 53.Qg8+ Ke7 54.Qe6+ Kd8 55.Qg8+=)*]

43.Qd8+= The position is equal.

43...Be8 44.Qf6+ Kg8 45.Qe7! Bh5 46.Qg5+ Kf8 47.Qf6+! Ke8 48.Qxc6+ Kd8 49.Qd5+ Kc8 50.Qa8+ Kd7 51.Qd5+ Kc8 52.Qa8+ Kd7 53.Qd5+

And White is the lucky defender.

Weighted Error Value: White=0.18 (very precise) /Black=0.18 (very precise)

½-½

D10

□ **Goryachkina,A.** **2553**

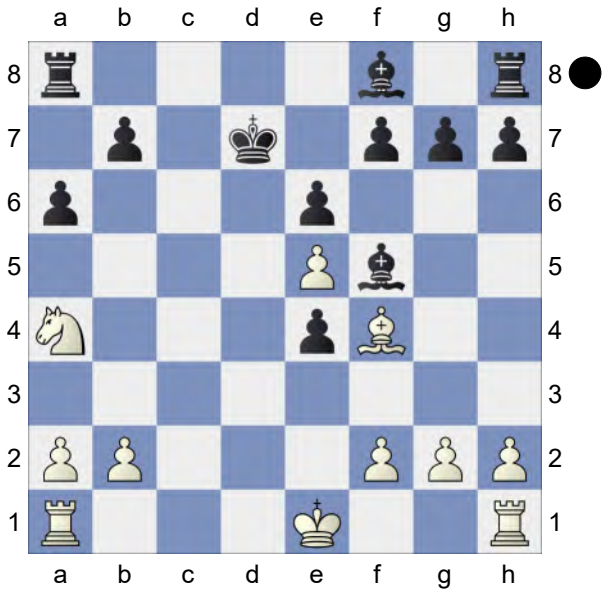
■ **Muzychuk,A.** **2520**

FIDE Women's Candidates (2.4) 5.4.24

[Kitty Kat]

D14: Slav Defence: Exchange variation with ...Bf5

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.cxd5 cxd5 4.Bf4 Nc6 5.e3 Nf6 6.Nc3 Bf5 7.Nf3 e6 8.Ne5 Nxe5 9.dxe5 Nd7 10.e4 dxe4 The position is equal. **11.Bb5 a6 12.Bxd7+ Qxd7 13.Qxd7+ Kxd7 14.Na4**



Black must now prevent Nb6+.

14...Rb8N

[14...Bb4+ 15.Ke2 Ba5 16.Rac1 Rhb8 17.Bg5 b5 18.Nc5+ Ke8 19.h3 h6 20.Be3 Bd8 21.Rhd1 Be7 22.Nb3 Rc8 23.Bc5 Bg5 24.Be3

Be7 25.Bc5 Bg5 26.Be3 ½-½ Gedajlovic,M (2378)-Berczes,D (2399) Budapest One Week GM-B 08 2024 (6)]

15.Rd1+ White has compensation. Black is weak on the dark squares **15...Ke8 16.Be3 Bg4 17.Rc1 Bb4+ 18.Bd2 Be7 19.h3 Bh5 20.0-0** -0.21/25

[⌓20.g4 0.24/22 Bg6 21.Nb6]

20...Be2= 21.Rfe1 Bd3 0.38/23

[21...Bb5∓ -0.32/16 22.Nc3 Bc6]

22.Be3 -0.25/23

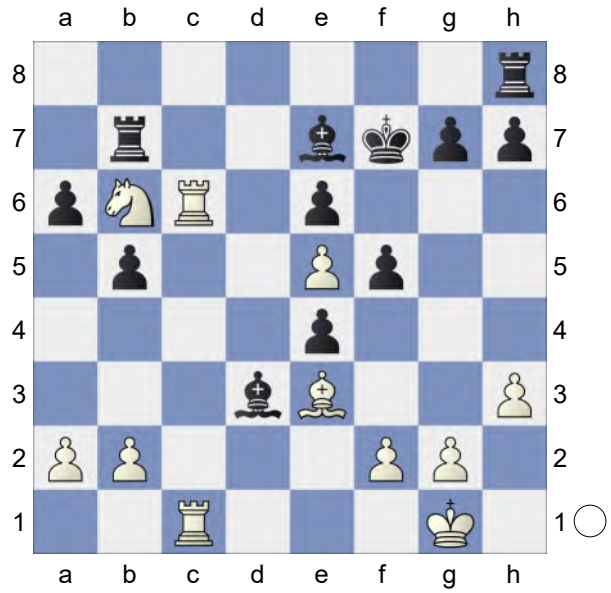
[22.Ba5!± 0.38/23 Bd8 23.Bxd8 Kxd8 24.Nb6]

22...b5 0.22/26

[⌓22...Bb5 -0.25/23 23.Nc3 Bc6]

23.Nb6 f5 24.Rc6 Kf7 25.Rec1 Rb7? 2.04/23

[25...Rhd8= 0.28/20 and Black has nothing to worry.]



26.Nc8 0.84/22

[26.Rc7!+- 2.04/23 and White stays clearly on top. Rxc7 27.Rxc7]

26...Rd7 2.34/25

[26...Bb4± 0.84/22 was worth a try.]

27.Rc7+-

[Weaker is 27.Rxa6 h6±]

27...Rhd8 3.36/22

[⌓27...Rxc7 2.06/25 28.Rxc7 Rxc8 29.Rxc8 g5]

28.Nxe7 Bc4 29.Rxd7 Rxd7 30.Nc8 Bxa2 31.Nd6+ Kg6 32.Ra1

Weighted Error Value: White=0.15 (very precise) /Black=0.46

1-0

C83

□ **Lagno,Kateryna** **2542**

■ **Muzychuk,A.** **2520**

FIDE Women's Candidates (10.2)

[Kitty Kat]

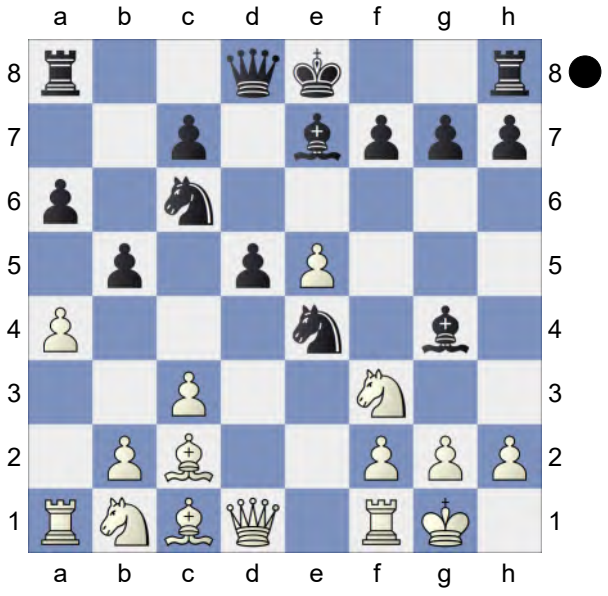
C83: Open Ruy Lopez: 9 c3 Be7

Weekly Irish Times 10 Jan 1903. Game played by correspondence between Mrs Rowland, Kingstown, and Miss Rudge (Lady Champion), Clifton, Bristol, 1902. Notes by William Cook, author of the "Chess Player's Compendium". **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Nxe4 6.d4 b5 7.Bb3 d5 8.dxe5 Be6 9.c3 Be7 10.Bc2 Bg4! 11.a4N**

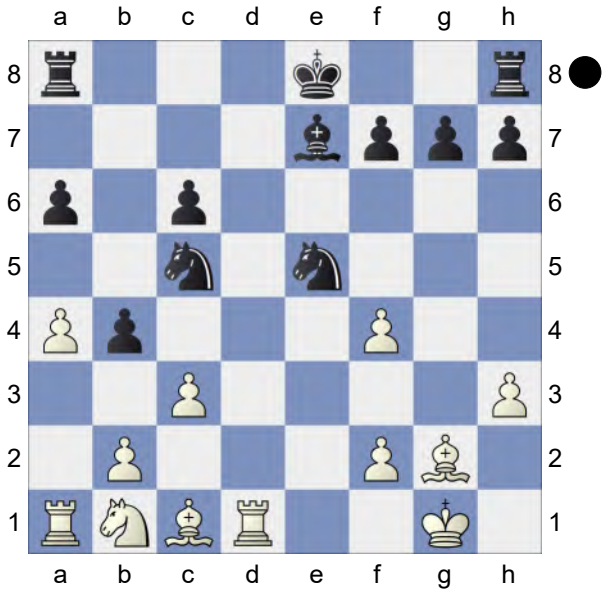
[11.Qe1

A) 11...0-0 12.Nd4 Nxe5 13.f3 c5 14.Ne2 Bh4 15.Ng3 Re8 *(15...f5 16.fxe4 dxe4 17.Be3 c4 18.a4 Nd3 19.Bxd3 cxd3 20.Rf4 bxa4 21.Rxg4 fxg4 22.Rxa4 Qd5 23.Nd2 Rfe8 24.Qf1 Rf8 25.Qd1 Bg5 26.Bxg5 Qxg5 27.Rxe4 Rae8 28.Qe1 Qc5+ 29.Kh1 Qb5 30.b3* 1-0 (50) Lamard,G (2483)-Sasikiran,K (2578) Cappelle-la-Grande 2024*)* 16.fxe4 dxe4 17.Be3 Nd3 18.Bxd3 exd3 19.Qf2 f5 20.Nd2 Be2 21.Rfe1 g5 22.Nf3 f4 23.Nxh4 fxe3 24.Qf5 d2 25.Rxe2 d1Q+ 26.Rxd1 ½-½ (32) Vachier Lagrave,M (2761)-Mamedyarov,S

(2767) Beograd 152/133 2022;
B) 11...Nc5 12.Nd4 Nxd4 13.cxd4 Ne6 14.Qd2 0-0 15.Nc3 f6 16.Qd3 g6 17.Qg3 f5 18.Bh6 Rf7 19.h3 Bh5 20.Nxd5 Qxd5 21.Bb3 Qd7 22.d5 Nd4 23.Rfe1 Qd8 24.Rac1 7. Open Spanish 9.c3 - 9...Be,a-9...Be7 10.Bc2 Bg4 #7]
[11.Re1 Nc5 12.b4 Nb7 13.Qd3 Qd7 14.Ng5 g6 15.Bb3 Be6 16.Nxe6 fxe6 17.Bh6 Kf7 18.Qf3+ Ke8 19.a4 Na7 20.a5 Bf8 21.Bg5 Bg7 22.Bf6 Rf8 23.Na3 c6 24.Rad1 Kf7 25.Rd4 Kg8 1-0 (50) Rowland,F-Rudge,M friendly? corr 1902]
[11.h3 Bh5 12.g4 Bg6 13.Nd4 Qd7 14.f4 Nxd4 15.cxd4 f5 16.Be3 0-0 17.Nc3 c6 18.Bxe4 dxe4 19.d5 b4 20.dxc6 Qxd1 21.Nxd1 Rfd8 22.Rc1 Rd3 23.Bc5 Bd8 24.e6 Rc8 25.e7 Ba5 1-0 (32) Caruana,F (2787)-Wei,Y (2706) 78th Tata Steel GpA 2016 (10)]



Strongly threatening axb5. **11...b4 12.h3 Bh5 13.Bb3**
[13.g4!? Bg6□ 14.Bb3=]
13...Nxe5 14.Bxd5 Bxf3 15.gxf3 Nc5 Excellent horsemanship. **16.f4 c6!** The position is equal. **17.Bg2 Qxd1 18.Rxd1**

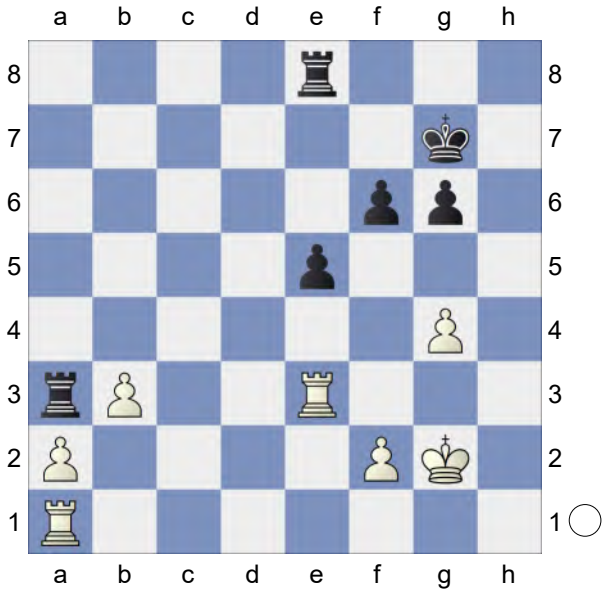


Threatens to win with cxb4! **18...Rd8! 19.Rxd8+ Kxd8 20.cxb4**
[20.fxe5 Nb3 21.Bxc6 Nxa1 22.cxb4 Nc2∓ *(22...Bxb4 23.Nc3∓)*]
20...Nb3 21.Ra3 Nxc1 22.fxe5 Bxb4 23.Re3 Ke7 24.Bxc6 Rd8 25.Nc3 Bxc3 26.bxc3 Rd3 27.Rxd3 Nxd3= Endgame. KB-KN **28.a5 Nxe5 29.Bb7 Nc4 30.Bxa6 Nxa5 31.Kf1 Kd6 32.Bd3 h6 33.Ke2 Ke5 34.Ke3 g5 35.Bb5 f5 36.Be2 Nb3 37.Bc4 Nc5 38.Bf7 Ne4 39.c4 Nc5 40.Kf3 Nd3 41.Ke3 Nf4 42.c5 Nxh3 43.c6!** Hoping for c7. **43...Kd6** ...Nf4! is the strong threat. **44.Bg6 Kxc6 45.Bxf5 Nf4 46.Ke4 Kd6 47.Bc8 Ke7 48.Kf5 Kf7 49.Bb7 Kg7 50.Ba6 Nh3 51.f3 Nf4 52.Bc4 Ng2** aiming for ...Ne3+. **53.Bb5 Nh4+ 54.Kg4 Ng6 55.Kf5 Nh4+ 56.Kg4 Ng2 57.Kf5 Ne3+ 58.Ke4 Nc2 59.Be8 Kf6 60.Bh5** An even fight not without its subleties.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.02 (flawless) /Black=0.01 (flawless)
½-½

C01

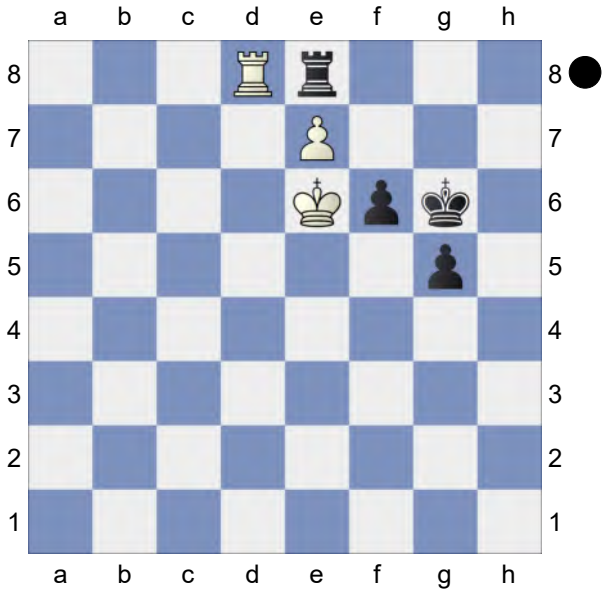
□ **Muzychuk,A.** **2520**
■ **Lei,Tingjie** **2550**
FIDE Women's Candidates (4.4) 7.4.24
[Kitty Kat]

C01: French: Exchange Variation
One of the problems with playing the French as Black, especially against weaker opponents, is the boring French Exchange. **1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.exd5 exd5 4.Nf3 Nf6 5.Bd3 Bd6 6.0-0 0-0 7.Bg5 Re8**
[7...h6 8.Bh4 Re8 9.Re1 Nbd7 10.Nbd2 c6 11.c3 Rxe1+ 12.Qxe1 Nf8 13.Ne5 g5 14.Bg3 Nh5 15.Qe2 Ng7 16.Nf1 h5 17.h3 Be6 18.Re1 Qc7 19.Qd1 f6 20.Nf3 Re8 21.h4 g4 22.N3d2 0-1 (32) 10.dc5 ♗c5 11.♗d2 (2675)-Vangsgaard,C (2610) FSGM March Budapest HUN 2007 (8)]
[7...Bg4 8.Nbd2 Nbd7 9.c3 c6 French Exchange-N,N French Defence 2020]
8.Nbd2N
[8.c3 h6 9.Bh4 g5 10.Bg3 Ne4 11.Nbd2 Bg4 12.Qc2 Nxd2 13.Nxd2 Be2 14.Rfe1 Bxd3 15.Qxd3 Rf8 16.Qf5 Nc6 17.Nf3 Ne7 18.Qh3 Bxg3 19.fxg3 Kg7 20.Ne5 Ng6 21.Nd7 Re8 22.Qf5 c6 0-1 (52) Zaragoza,M-Golmayo,M ESP-ch II Madrid 1912 (2)]
8...Bg4 9.h3 Bh5 White has an edge. **10.c4 dxc4 11.Nxc4 Nc6 12.g4 Bg6 13.Bxg6 hxg6 14.Qb3 Qd7**
[14...Bf8 looks sharper. 15.Nce5 Qd5 16.Qxb7 Nxd4 17.Qxd5 Ne2+]
15.Bxf6 gxf6 16.d5 Ne5 17.Nfxe5 Bxe5 18.Qxb7 Rab8 19.Nxe5 fxe5 20.Qxa7 With the idea b3. **20...Qxd5 21.b3** Threatening Rfd1! **21...c5 22.Rfe1 Ra8 23.Qc7 Qd3** 0.66/24
[23...Kg7= 0.03/25]
24.Qxc5± Qxh3 25.Qc4 0.00/26
[25.Re4± 0.60/28]
25...Kg7 26.Qe4 Ra3 27.Re3 Qh4 28.Kg2 Qg5 29.Rh3 Qd2 0.69/25
[29...f5!= 0.26/24 should be considered. 30.Qd5 Qxg4+ 31.Rg3 Qe4+ 32.Qxe4 fxe4]
30.Qe3
[30.Qc6 keeps more tension. Rd8 31.Qc5 Qd4 32.Qxa3 Qxa1 33.Qa6]
30...Qxe3 31.Rxe3 Endgame. KRR-KRR **31...f6** 1.24/24
[31...Rb8± 0.34/25]



32.b4!± Ra4 33.a3 Rb8 1.68/25
[33...Rea8± 1.01/19 was called for.]
34.Rc1 1.16/21
[34.Rh1+- 1.68/25]
34...Kh6 35.Kg3 Black must now prevent Rc6. **35...Rba8 36.Rcc3 Kg5 37.f3** 0.48/24
[Better is 37.Kf3± 1.15/23]
37...Rd8? 2.04/25
[37...R8a7!± 0.48/24]
38.Red3 Rda8 39.Re3 0.38/23
[39.b5+- 1.69/23]

39...Rd8? 2.40/24
[39...R4a7± 0.38/23]
40.Rc5+- f4+ is the strong threat.
40...Rda8 3.91/26
[⌓40...Rd4 2.47/24 41.Rb3 Ra6]
41.f4+ Kh6 42.fxe5 Rxa3? 7.12/24
[42...fxe5 3.42/20 43.Rcc3 *(43.Rexe5 Rxa3+ 44.Kh4 Rb3=)* 43...Rd8 44.Rxe5 Rd4]
43.Rxa3 Rxa3+ KR-KR **44.Kf4 g5+ 45.Ke4 Rg3 46.e6**
[And not 46.exf6 Rxg4+ 47.Kf5 Rf4+ 48.Ke6 Rxb4=]
46...Rxg4+ 47.Kd5 Strongly threatening e7. **47...Rxb4 48.e7 Rb8 49.Ke6 Kg6 50.Rd5** Threatens to win with Rd7. **50...Re8 51.Rd8**



Trapped Piece **51...Rxe7+ 52.Kxe7** KR-KPP **52...Kf5 53.Rd5+?** 0.00/37
[White should try 53.Rg8+- 10.77/29 White wants to mate with Kf7. Ke5 54.Kf7]
53...Kf4!= The position is equal. **54.Kxf6** KR-KP
[54.Ke6!? g4□ 55.Rd4+ *(55.Kxf6 g3=)* 55...Kg5 56.Ke7=]
54...g4 55.Rd4+ Kf3! 56.Kf5 g3 57.Rd3+ Kf2! 58.Kg4 g2 59.Rd2+ Kf1 60.Kf3 g1N+ KR-KN **61.Ke3 Nh3 62.Rh2 Ng1 63.Rf2+ Ke1 64.Rf6 Nh3 65.Rf3**
[65.Rf5!? Ng1□ 66.Rf2=]
65...Ng1 66.Rg3 Kf1! 67.Rg6 Nh3 68.Rg7 Ng1 69.Rg3 Ne2 70.Rf3+ Ke1 71.Rf7 Ng1 72.Kd3 Nh3! 73.Rh7 Nf2+ 74.Ke3 Nd1+ 75.Kd3 White threatens Rh1+ and mate. **75...Nf2+** Black escapes into a draw.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.18 (very precise) /Black=0.43
½-½

C80
□ **Muzychuk,A. 2520**
■ **Vaishali,Rameshbabu 2475**
FIDE Women's Candidates (12.3)
[Kitty Kat]

C84: Closed Ruy Lopez: Unusual White 6th moves
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Nxe4 6.d4 Be7 7.Re1 b5 8.Rxe4
[8.Nxe5 Nxe5 9.dxe5 Bb7= *(9...Nxf2 10.Qf3=)*]
[8.dxe5 Nxf2 9.Qe2 Nh3+ 10.gxh3 bxa4∓]
8...d5! 9.Nxe5 Nxe5 10.Rxe5 White is slightly better. **10...bxa4 11.Qe2 Be6 12.f4! Kf8**
[12...g6 13.Nc3 a3 *(13...Bf6 14.Nxa4 Bxe5 15.fxe5 Qh4 16.Be3 0-0 17.Nc5 a5 18.Qd2 a4 19.Rf1 Rfb8 20.b4 axb3 21.cxb3 Ra3 22.Bg5 Rxa2 23.Qxa2 Qxg5 24.Qf2 Bf5 25.Ra1 h5 26.h4 Qg4 27.Kh2 Rb6 28.Ra7* 1-0 (42) Heasman,R (2531)-Posizione (2392) 12/(156) Cande 2011 (4)*)* 14.b3 Bb4 15.Na4 0-0 16.Bd2 Bd6 17.Nc5 Bf5 18.Bb4

Bxe5 19.fxe5 Qh4 20.c3 a5 21.Bxa3 Rfe8 22.Rf1 f6 23.e6 a4 24.bxa4 Qg4 25.Qe1 Be4 26.Qf2 Bf5 27.h3 0-1 (33) Alekseenko,K (2554)-Wei,Y (2714) Aeroflot Open A 2016 (7.20)]

13.Nc3 0.15/26

[13.f5± 0.59/20 is superior. Bd7 14.Qd3 *(14.Rxd5 Bd6=)*]

13...Bd6= 14.Nxa4 Bxe5N

[14...Qf6 15.Be3 Bxe5 16.dxe5 Qg6 17.Nc5 Kg8 18.c3 h5 19.a4 Bf5 20.a5 h4 21.b4 Qh5 22.Qd2 c6 23.h3 Rh6 24.Kh2 Rg6 25.Bf2 Rh6 26.Re1 Kh7 27.Be3 Rg6 28.Bf2 Rh6 29.Be3 (31) Chapter C75-Games Chapter C75 Game 8]

15.fxe5 Qh4 16.Be3 White has compensation. **16...Qg4 17.Qd2 h5 18.h3 Qg6 19.h4 Kg8 20.Rf1 Bf5 21.c3 Kh7 22.Nc5 Rhf8 23.Bf4 f6 24.e6** -0.63/28

[24.exf6= -0.22/22 was preferrable. Qxf6 *(24...Rxf6 25.Bxc7 Bb1 26.Rxf6=)* 25.Bg3]

24...Rfe8 25.Re1 Re7 26.c4 -1.03/22 **dxc4∓ 27.d5 Bd3** -0.22/26

[27...Qg4∓ -0.93/24 28.g3 a5]

28.d6 cxd6 29.Bxd6 Ree8 White must now prevent ...Qg4. **30.e7 Qg4 31.Qf2** -1.02/24 Prevents Qd4.

[31.Ne6= -0.28/25 remains equal.]

31...Bf5 32.Rf1 Bg6 33.Re1 -2.12/19 This move loses the game for White.

[33.Qd2∓ -0.87/22 was worth a try.]

33...Rac8-+ And now ...Rc6 would win.

34.Ne6 Rc6 35.Qf4 -2.67/27

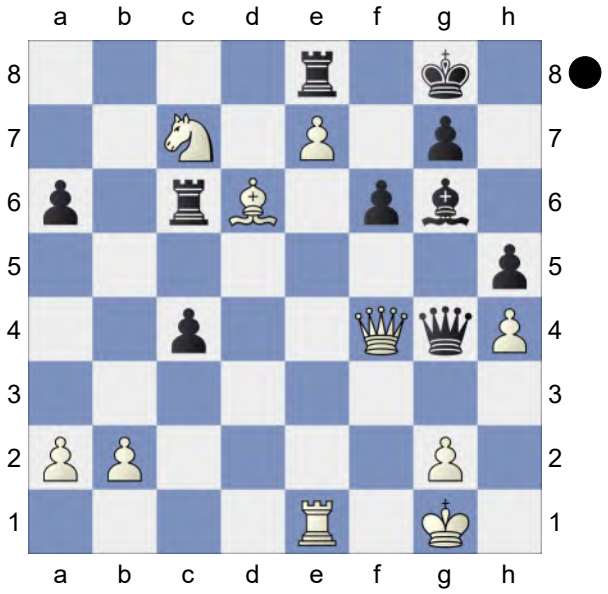
[35.Qd2 -1.92/21 was necessary.]

35...Kg8 Threatens to win with ...Qxf4.

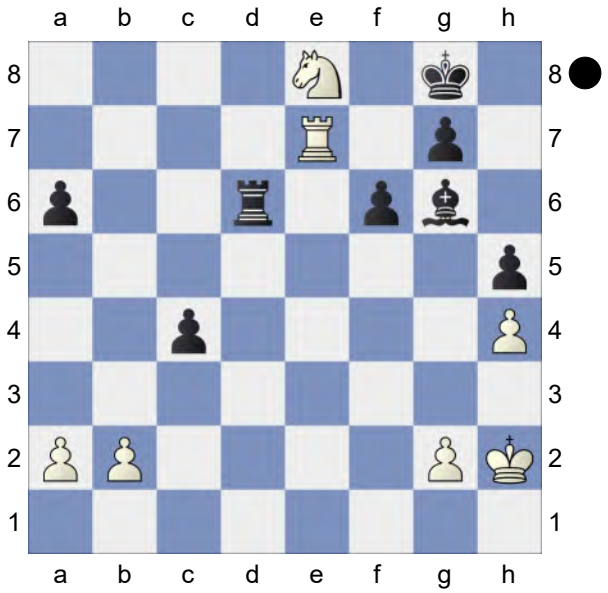
[35...Qxf4 36.Bxf4 Kg8 *(36...Rxe7 37.Nf8+ Kg8 38.Rxe7∓)* 37.Nc7-+]

36.Nc7 -3.27/22

[36.Qxg4 -2.24/21 keeps fighting. hxg4 37.Bb4]



36...Rxe7!! Deflection **37.Rxe7** Ne6 is the strong threat. **37...Qd1+ 38.Kh2 Qxd6 39.Qxd6 Rxd6** Endgame. KRB-KRN **40.Ne8**



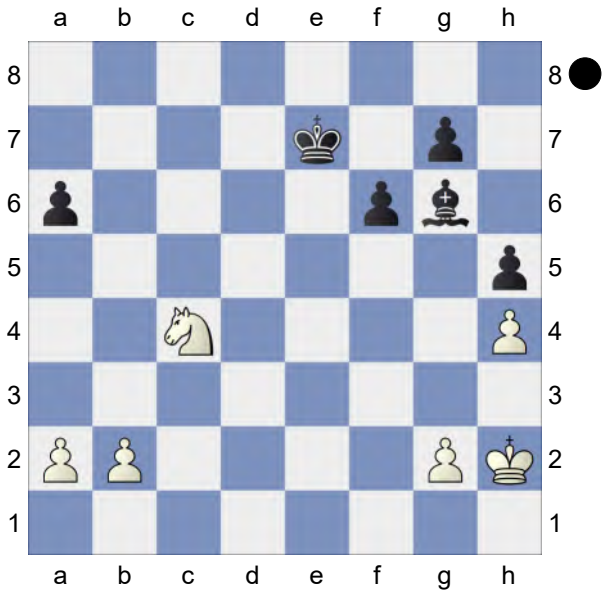
Kf8!

[40...Bxe8 41.Rxe8+ Kf7 42.Rc8∓]

41.Nxd6 Kxe7 42.Nxc4

(Diagram)

KB-KN **42...Bf7! 43.Ne3 Bxa2**



44.Kg3? -5.45/24
[44.Nf5+ -2.79/20 was the only chance. Kf8 45.Ng3]
44...Kd6 Black is clearly winning. **45.Kf4 Kc5 46.g4 hxg4 47.Nxg4 a5 48.Ne3 a4 49.h5 Kb4 50.Nf5 Kb3 51.Nxg7 Kxb2 52.h6 Bg8** ...a3 would now be deadly. **53.Ne8 a3 54.Nxf6 a2 55.Nxg8 a1Q** (-> ...Qc1+)
[And not 55...a1B 56.Kf5 Kc2 57.Nf6 Bd4 58.h7 Kd3 59.h8Q *(59.h8R Kc2+-)* 59...Bf2 60.Qd8+ Kc4 61.Ke4 *(61.Qd5+ Kb4 62.Qd2+ Kb5 63.Qxf2 Kc4 64.Qb6 Kc3 65.Ne4+ Kc4 66.Qb2 Kd5 67.Qc2 Kd4 68.Qc3+ Kd5 69.Qc5#)*]
56.h7 Kb3 aiming for ...Qc1+. **57.Kf5 Qb1+**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.53/ Black=0.09 (flawless)
0-1

D05
□ **Tan,Zhongyi** **2521**
■ **Muzychuk,A.** **2520**
FIDE Women's Candidates (6.2) 10.4.24
[Kitty Kat]

D05: Colle System with ...e6
1.d4 d5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.e3 e6
[3...c5 4.c4 cxd4 5.exd4 g6 6.Nc3 Bg7 7.cxd5 Nxd5 8.Qb3 Nxc3 9.bxc3 0-0 10.Bf4 Nc6 11.Be2 b6 12.0-0 Bb7 13.Rfe1 Rc8 14.Qb2 Na5 15.Nd2 Qd5 16.Bf1 Qf5 17.Bg3 e6 18.Rad1 ½-½ (28) Kluegel,J (2500)-Nickel,A (2630) 30/A (SUI) ICCF 2015]
4.Bd3 c5 5.b3 Nc6N
[5...b6 6.0-0 Bb7 7.Bb2 Nbd7 8.Nbd2 Be7 9.Ne5 0-0 10.f4 cxd4 11.exd4 Ne4 12.Qe2 f5 10) Queen/^s Gambit Declined-Queen/^s Gambit Declined Odds 1… e6 Against Everything 2024]
6.0-0 b6 7.Bb2 Bb7 8.Nbd2 Rc8 The position is equal. **9.a3 Be7 10.Ne5 cxd4 11.exd4 Nxe5 12.dxe5 Nd7** 1.00/22
[12...Ne4!± 0.61/24]
13.Qg4 g6 14.b4! Prevents Nc5.
14...a5 15.Nf3 0-0 16.Rae1 0.43/24
[16.Rab1± 1.21/19]
16...axb4 17.axb4 Ra8 1.31/20
[⌓17...d4 0.78/23]
18.h4± Threatens to win with h5. White is more active. **18...Ra4 19.h5 Rxb4 20.Nd4** hxg6! would now be deadly.
20...g5 1.98/20
[20...Rxb2 21.hxg6 hxg6 22.Bxg6=]
[20...Nc5± 1.45/20 was necessary. 21.hxg6 Nxd3 22.gxf7+ *(22.cxd3 hxg6 23.Bc1 Ba6∓)* 22...Kh8 23.cxd3 Rxf7]
21.Bc3!+- White has strong

compensation. **21...Ra4 22.f4! Qc8** 2.31/19
[22...Qc7± 1.52/18 keeps fighting. 23.Bb2 Rxd4 24.Bxd4 Nc5 25.fxg5 Nxd3]
23.Bb2 Nc5 24.f5? 0.22/20
[White must play 24.fxg5+- 1.92/16 Nxd3 25.cxd3]
24...exf5 1.20/20
[24...Nxd3? 25.f6 *(25.cxd3 h6=)* 25...Bxf6 26.exf6+-]
[24...h6!= 0.22/20 remains equal.]
25.Bxf5± Qd8 4.31/19
[25...Qe8± 1.29/20]
26.h6? 1.06/17
[26.e6+- 4.31/19 has better winning chances. f6 27.Bxh7+ Decoy Kxh7 28.Qf5+ Kh8 29.Qg6]
26...Bc8 2.13/17
[26...Ne4± 1.06/17 was worth a try.]
27.e6!+- f6 3.31/21
[27...fxe6 28.Nxe6 Rxg4 29.Nxd8±]
[⌓27...Nxe6 2.11/22 28.Rxe6 *(28.Nxe6? Rxg4 29.Nxd8 Bc5+ 30.Kh2 Rh4+ 31.Kg3 Rxd8∓)* 28...Bxe6 *(28...fxe6 29.Bxe6+ Kh8 30.Nc6+* Discovered Attack (Check) *d4 31.Nxd8 Rxf1+ 32.Kxf1 Bf6 33.Bxc8 Bxd8 34.Bxd4+ Rxd4* Remove Defender *35.Qxd4+)*]

(Diagram)

28.Bxh7+! Decoy **28...Kxh7 29.Qf5+ Kh8**

(Diagram)

And now ...Nxe6! would win. **30.Nc6! Qe8**

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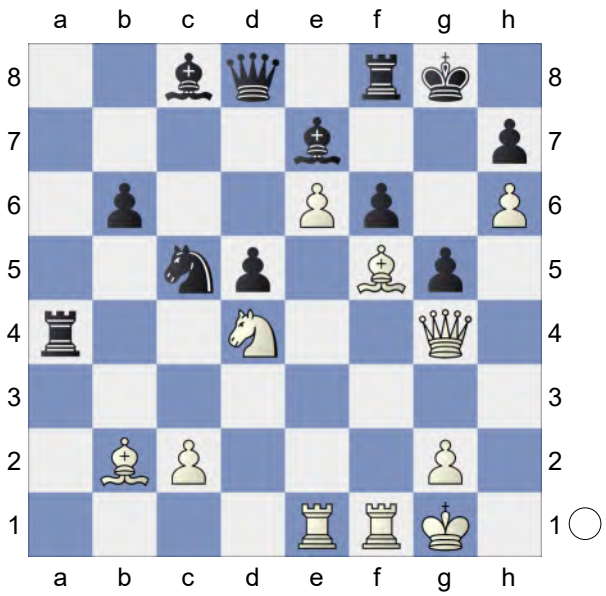
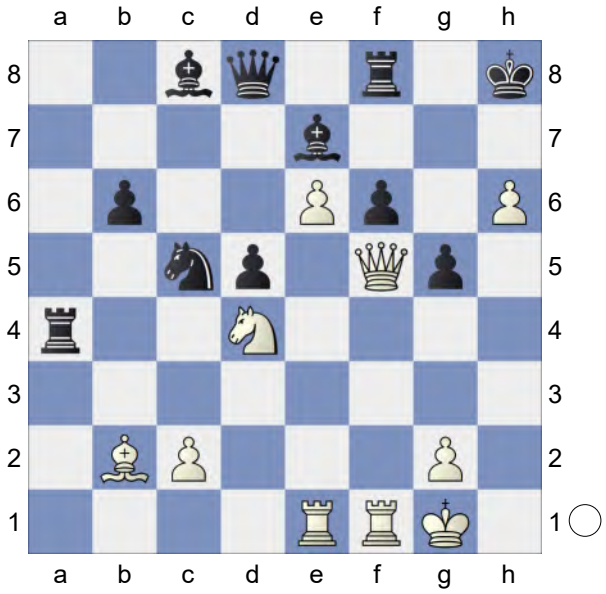
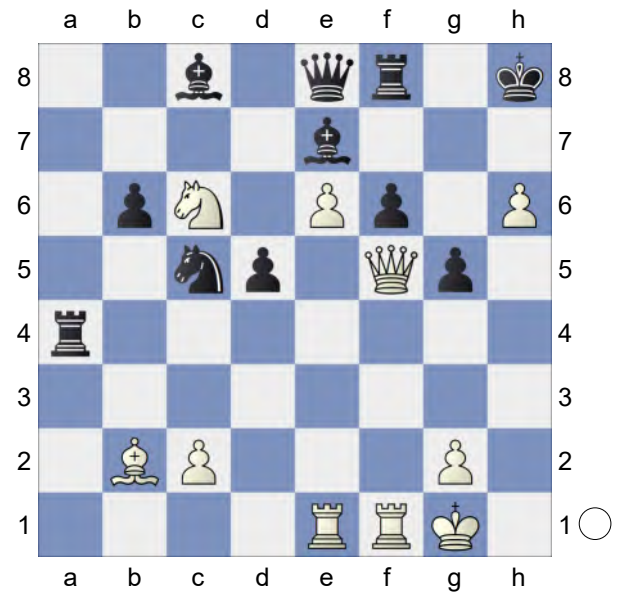






31.Qxg5! Rg8 Repels Qg7+
[31...Qxc6 32.Qg7#]
[31...Nxe6? 32.Rxe6 *(32.Qxd5? Bc5+-+)* 32...Rg8 33.Bxf6+ *(33.Rxe7 Qxe7 34.Bxf6+ Kh7+-)* 33...Kh7 34.Rxe7++-]
32.Rxf6?→ 0.00/21 White mounts an attack.
[32.Qxd5? Bb7 33.Bxf6+ *(33.Rxf6? Bxf6 34.Bxf6+ Kh7-+)* 33...Bxf6 34.Rxf6 Qxc6-+]
[32.Bxf6++- 4.02/29 Bxf6 33.Qxf6+ Kh7 34.Qf7+ *(34.Ne7 Bxe6 35.Nxg8 Ra7+-)* 34...Qxf7 Remove Defender 35.exf7]
32...Bxf6=
[32...Rxg5? 33.Rf8+ Kh7 34.Rxe8+-]
33.Qxf6+
[33.Bxf6+? too greedy. Kh7 34.Bg7 Nxe6 *(34...Qxc6 35.Qf5#)* 35.Qf5+ Qg6 36.Qxg6+ Kxg6-+]
33...Kh7 Strongly threatening ...Re4!
34.Ne7 Really sharp! **34...Re4?** 6.85/21
[34...Bxe6= 0.00/21 35.Nxg8 Qxg8 36.Qe7+ Qf7 *(36...Kxh6 37.Qf6+ Kh7 38.Re5+-)* 37.Rxe6 Qxe7 38.Rxe7+ Kxh6]
35.Rxe4+- White is clearly winning.
35...Nxe4 36.Nxg8 Qxg8 18.39/22
[⌓36...Nxf6 4.84/19 37.Nxf6+ Kxh6 38.Nxe8 Bxe6]
37.Qf7+
Weighted Error Value: White=0.40/ Black=0.70
1-0

B15

□ **Muzychuk,A.** **2504**
■ **Salimova,Nurgyul** **2409**
FIDE World Cup Women 2023 (6.6)
[Kitty Kat]

B15: Caro-Kann: 3 Nc3: 3...g6 and 3...dxe4 4 Nxe4 Nf6 5 Nxf6+ exf6
1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 dxe4 4.Nxe4 Nf6 5.Nxf6+ exf6 6.c3 Bd6 7.Bd3 0-0 8.Qc2 Re8+ 9.Be3 h5 10.Nf3 0.08/21
[10.Ne2± 0.46/18 Na6 11.0-0 h4 12.h3 Nc7 13.c4 Bd7 14.c5 Bf8 15.Nc3 g6 16.Rfe1 Be6 17.Rad1 Nd5 18.Nxd5 Bxd5 19.b4 b5 20.Bf4 a5 21.a4 bxa4 22.Qxa4 axb4 23.Qxb4 Qd7 24.Rxe8 Rxe8 25.Re1 ½-½ (75) Ayyad,H (2129)-Tin, J (2580) Olympiad-45 Budapest 2024 (1.45)]
[10.0-0-0 Nd7 11.h3 Nf8 12.g4 hxg4 13.hxg4 g6 14.Ne2 a5 15.Rh4 f5 16.Rdh1 fxg4 17.Qd2 Qf6 18.Bg5 Qxf2 19.Qd1 f5 20.Qb3+ Be6 21.Rh8+ Kf7 22.Qxb7+ Be7 23.Bxe7 Qe3+ 24.Kc2 Bb3+ 1-0 (36) Jimenez Villena,F (2641)-Nussbaumer,H (2406) 85/256 Kallithea 2002 (4)]
10...Be6N
[10...Nd7 11.0-0-0 b5 12.h3 Nb6 13.Rde1 Nd5 14.Bd2 Rxe1+ 15.Rxe1 Be6 16.Bf5 Bxf5 17.Qxf5

g6 18.Qc2 Qd7 19.Nh4 Kg7 20.Qe4 f5 21.Qe2 f4 22.Nf3 f6 23.Qe6 Qxe6 24.Rxe6 Rd8 25.b3 ½-½ (54) Goltsev,D (2232)-Tari,A (2660) Titled Tuesday intern op 22nd Nov Late blitz 2022 (5) Kf7 26.Re1 g5 27.Kc2 Ne7 28.Bc1 Nf5 29.Nd2 b4 30.Bb2 bxc3 31.Bxc3 Bc7 32.Nc4 Nxd4+ 33.Bxd4 Rxd4 34.f3 Rd5 35.Rd1 Ke6 36.Rxd5 cxd5 37.Na3 a6 38.Kd3 Bb6 39.Nc2 a5 40.Nd4+ ½-½ (54) Guerrini,S (2232)-Zamlutti Junior,R (2660) RUS-The World rapid 2002 (5)]

[10...Bg4 11.0-0-0 Nd7 12.Rde1 Nf8 13.Nh4 Qa5 14.Kb1 Be6 15.a3 b5 16.h3 Bd5 17.Nf5 Qc7 18.g4 Bxh1 19.Rxh1 Bf4 20.gxh5 Bxe3 21.fxe3 g6 22.Rg1 Kh7 23.hxg6+ fxg6 24.Nh4 Rxe3 25.Bxg6+ 1-0 (31) Horvath,D (2502)-Kokol,P (2347) EU-ch Blitz Katowice 2022 (20)]

11.0-0-0 Na6 The position is equal.

12.g4 hxg4

[12...Bxg4 13.Nh4 Qa5 *(13...Bxd1 14.Qxd1 Qd7 15.Qxh5+-)* 14.h3 Bxd1 15.Qxd1]

13.Nh4 Qa5 0.16/19

[13...Nc7∓ -0.41/21]

14.Nf5!=

[14.Bh7+ Kh8 15.Bf5 Nc7 *(15...Bxa2 16.Qe2=; 15...Qxa2 16.Qe4∓)* 16.Bxe6 Rxe6-+]

14...Bxf5 15.Bxf5 With the idea Rhg1.

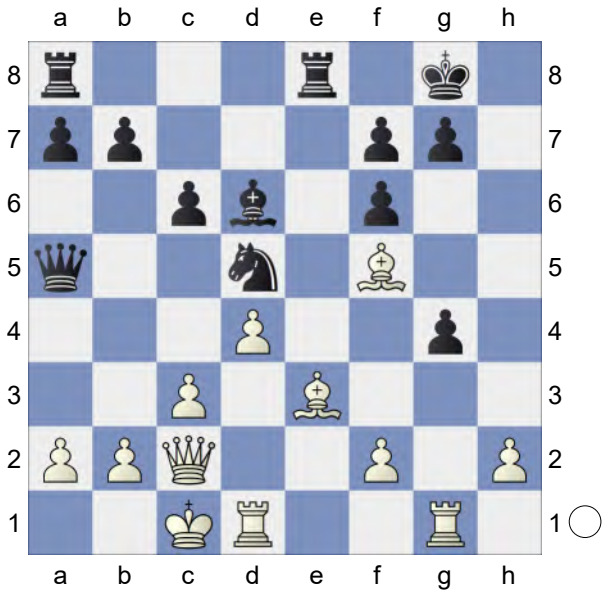
15...Nc7! White must now prevent ... Nd5. **16.Rhg1** -0.46/18

[Better is 16.Kb1= 0.13/19]

16...Nd5!∓

[16...Bxh2 17.Rxg4 Qxa2 18.Rh4=]

(Diagram)



Strongly threatening ...Rxe3. **17.Rxg4** Rdg1 is the strong threat. **17...Rxe3 18.Rdg1!**

[18.fxe3? Nxe3 19.Qe4 Qxf5-+ *(19...Nxf5? 20.d5-+)*]

18...Kf8 And now ...Rae8! would win.

19.Rxg7? -3.10/18

[19.fxe3 Nxe3 *(19...Qxa2? 20.Rxg7 Ne7 21.Rh7+-)* 20.Qd3 Nxf5∓ *(20...Qxf5 21.Qxe3 Re8 22.Qd2∓)*]

[White has to play 19.Rh4!∓ -0.43/18 Ree8 *(19...Bf4 20.fxe3 Bxe3+ 21.Kb1+-)* 20.Rh8+ Ke7 21.Re1+ Be5 22.Rh7 *(22.Rxe8+ Rxe8 23.dxe5 Kf8-+)*]

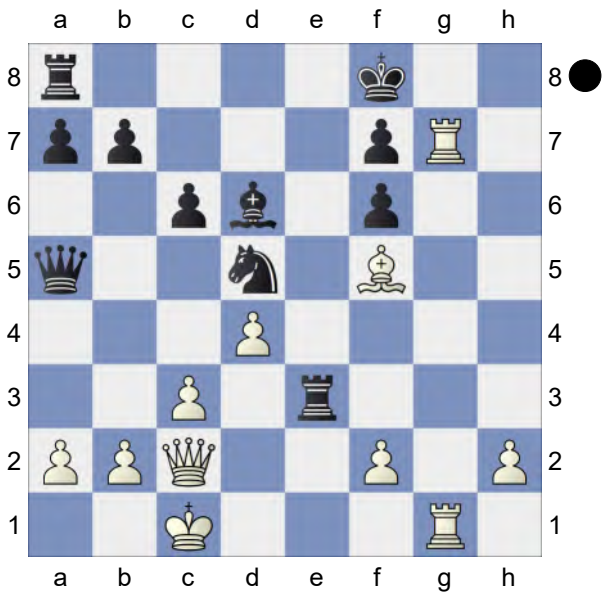
(Diagram)

Now White is beyond hope. **19...Re1+!!-+** Deflection **20.Rxe1 Kxg7 21.Rg1+ Kf8 22.Bh7 Ne7** Inhibits Rg8+.

[22...Qxa2 23.Rg8+ Ke7 24.Rxa8+-]

23.Qe2 Ng6 24.Bxg6 fxg6

[24...Bf4+ 25.Kb1 fxg6 26.Re1 Qf5+ *(26...Bxh2 27.Qe7+ Kg8 28.Qe6+ Kg7 29.Qd7+ Kh6 30.Rh1-+)*



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25.Rxg6? -5.59/20

[25.Qe6 -3.24/12 was necessary. Bf4+ *(25...Bxh2 26.Qxf6+ Ke8 27.Re1+)* 26.Kc2 Qf5+ *(26...Bxh2 27.Qxf6+ Ke8 28.Re1+)* 27.Qxf5 gxf5 28.Kd3]

25...Bf4+

[Inferior is 25...Bxh2 26.Rxf6+ Kg7 27.Qe7+ Kh8 28.Rh6+ *(28.Qxb7 Qg5+ 29.Kb1 Qxf6=)* 28...Kg8 29.Rg6+ Kh8 30.Qg7#]

26.Kd1 Qf5

[And not 26...Bxh2 27.Rxf6+ Kg7 28.Qe7+ Kh8 29.Rh6+ *(29.Qxb7 Qh5+ 30.Kd2 Rb8=)* 29...Kg8 30.Rg6+ Kh8 31.Qg7#]

27.Qc2 Qxc2+ 28.Kxc2 Endgame. KRB-KR **28...Kf7**

[28...Bxh2? 29.Rh6 Bb8 30.Rxf6+ Ke7 31.Rh6∓]

29.Rg4 Bd6 Black has a decisive advantage.

[Much less strong is 29...Bxh2 30.Rh4 Bg1 31.Rh7+ Kg6 32.Rxb7]

30.Rh4 Kg7 Inhibits Rh7+. **31.Rg4+ Kf7 32.Rh4 Kg7** Dodges Rh7+ **33.Rg4+ Kf7?** 0.00/64

Weighted Error Value: White=0.38/ Black=0.24 (precise)

[Black should try 33...Kh6-+ -3.07/22 34.Rh4+ Kg6 35.Rg4+ Kf7]

½-½

A40

□ **Salimova,Nurgyul** **2409**
■ **Muzychuk,A.** **2504**

FIDE World Cup Women 2023 (6.4)
[Kitty Kat]

A87: Dutch Defence: Leningrad System: 5 Nf3

Congratulations! You have made it to the "odds & ends" section of the course. Of course in order to have a complete repertoire we need to round out some of these pesky move 1 options. Some of these are a bit tricky since its hard to stay in our "systems" but we are never short of good moves even if they are not exactly in line with our repertoire. Anyway, lets dive in! **1.d4 e6 2.Nf3 f5**

[2...c5 3.g3 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Qb6 5.Bg2 Bc5 6.e3 d5 7.Qg4 Bf8 8.0-0 Nf6 9.Qe2 e5 10.Qb5+ Bd7 11.Qxb6 axb6 12.Nb3 Nc6 13.Bd2 Bd6 14.Nc3 Ne7 15.a4 0-0 16.Nb5 Bxb5 17.axb5 0-1 (53) C 06/32 (2805)-Molina,R (2837) Malmoe 45/ 566 1987 (9)]

[2...b6 3.c4 Bb7 4.g3 Bb4+ 5.Bd2 Bxd2+ 6.Qxd2 Bxf3 7.exf3 Ne7 8.Nc3 d5 9.f4 c6 10.cxd5 cxd5 11.Bd3 Nbc6 12.Ne2 0-0 13.0-0 Qd6 14.Rac1 Qb4 15.Rc3 g6 16.a3 Qd6 17.Rfc1 1-0 (31) Frutos,L (1847)-Perez Candelas,A (2271) Santa Fe Perez op 2023 (3)]

3.g3N

[3.Bf4 Nf6 4.e3 Be7 5.h3 0-0

6.Bd3 b6 7.Nbd2 Bb7 8.g4 Ne4 9.Rg1 Nxd2 10.Nxd2 g6 11.gxf5 exf5 12.Qh5 Rf6 13.Be5 Qe8 14.Bxf6 Bxf6 15.Bxf5 Chapter-Move 1 Options: e6,c 2020]

3...Nf6 4.Bg2 g6 5.c4 Bg7 6.Nc3 0-0 7.0-0 d6 8.Re1 Ne4 9.Qc2 Nxc3 10.Qxc3 0.31/23

[10.bxc3± 0.76/22 e5 11.Rb1]

10...Nc6 0.72/21

[10...e5± 0.31/23]

11.Bg5 0.33/20

[11.b4± 0.72/21]

11...Qe8± 12.Qd2 e5 13.dxe5 -0.10/21

[⌓13.Rac1 0.28/22]

13...dxe5= White should prevent ...e4.

14.Bh6! Qe7 15.Bxg7 Kxg7 16.Qc3 Qf6 17.Rad1 Be6 18.h4 h6 Against Ng5 **19.b4 e4 20.Nd4 Rae8 21.Nxe6+ Rxe6 22.Rd7+ Rf7 23.Rxf7+ Kxf7 24.Qe3 g5↑** Black fights for an advantage. **25.hxg5 Qxg5**

[25...hxg5 is more complex. 26.Rd1 f4 27.gxf4 gxf4 28.Qh3 Nd4]

26.Qxg5 hxg5 Endgame. KRB-KRN

27.f3 exf3 -0.13/18

[27...Nxb4 28.fxe4 fxe4 *(28...Nxa2 29.exf5 Re5 30.Bxb7=)* 29.Rb1 Nxa2 30.Rxb7]

[27...Nd4∓ -0.79/24 White must now prevent ...exf3. 28.fxe4 fxe4]

28.Bxf3 Kf6

[28...Nxb4 29.Rb1 Na6 *(29...Nxa2 30.Bd5±* Pin *)* 30.Bd5+- *(30.Rxb7 Kf6+-)*]

29.Kf2 -1.28/23

[29.Bd5= -0.15/24 keeps the balance. Re3 30.Bxc6 bxc6 31.Kf2]

29...Nxb4∓ 30.Bxb7 Rb6 Inhibits a4. Black is more active. **31.Bf3** -2.22/22

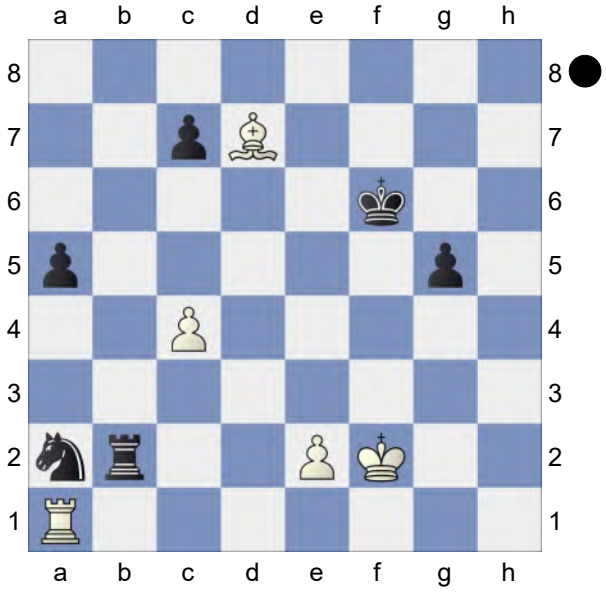
[31.Bc8∓ -1.35/21]

31...Nxa2-+ 32.g4 fxg4 -1.21/20

[32...a5!-+ -2.49/25 And now ...a4 would win. 33.c5 Rb5]

33.Bxg4∓ a5 34.Ra1 Rb2 35.Bd7 -2.51/20

[35.Kf3∓ -1.29/24]

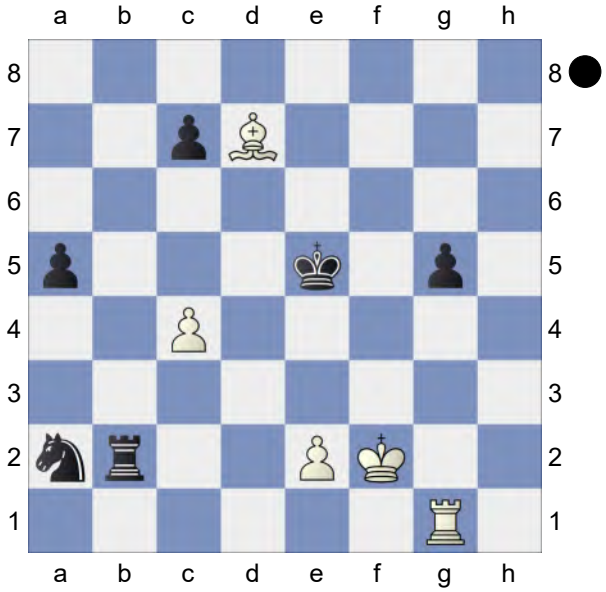


35...Ke5? -0.64/21

[35...Ke7!-+ -2.51/20 36.Bg4 a4]

36.Rg1? -3.06/23

[36.Kf3!∓ -0.64/21]



36...Kd6? -0.33/20

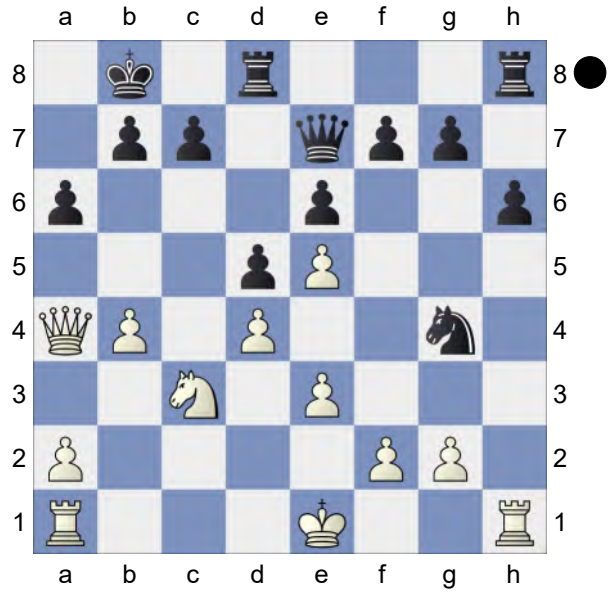
[36...Nc3!-+ -3.06/23 37.Ke3 Ne4

(37...Nxe2 38.Rxg5+ Kf6 39.Rc5=)]
37.Rd1+∓ Ke7 38.Bg4 a4 Strongly threatening ...Nb4. **39.Rd7+ Kf6 40.Rxc7 Nc3** aiming for ...a3. **41.Ra7**
[41.Ke3 seems wilder. a3 42.Kd4 a2 43.Ra7]
41...Rb4 42.Ra6+ Ke5 43.Bf3 Rxc4 44.Ra5+ Kf6 -0.09/22
[44...Kd4∓ -0.75/22 45.e3+ Kd3]
45.Ra6+= Ke7 -0.13/22
[45...Ke5∓ -0.49/22 might be stronger. 46.e3 Ne4+ 47.Ke2 Nc5]
46.Ra7+ -0.69/21
[White should play 46.Ke3= -0.13/22]
46...Kd6∓ 47.Ra6+? -2.43/20
[47.Ra5∓ -0.86/20 is a better defense.]
47...Kc7? -0.18/20
[47...Kc5-+ -2.43/20 Hoping for ... Kb4. 48.Ke3 Kb4 49.Rb6+ Kc5]
48.Ra5? -3.72/20
[48.Ke3= -0.18/20 and White stays safe. Nb5 49.Bd5]
48...g4 49.Bd5 -8.51/19
[49.Bg2 -3.15/20 Nd1+ 50.Kg3]
49...Nxd5-+ Black is clearly winning.
50.Rxd5 KR-KR **50...Kb6 51.Kg3 a3 52.Rd1 Kc5 53.Rb1 Ra4 54.Rc1+ Rc4 55.Rb1 Re4 56.Kf2 Kc4** Threatens to win with ...a2. **57.Rb8 Kc3** -10.38/17
[⌓57...a2 -23.48/21 58.Rc8+ Kb3 59.Rb8+ Ka3 *(59...Rb4? 60.Ra8-+)* 60.Rd8 a1Q *(60...a1B? 61.Ra8+ Kb2 62.e3-+)* 61.Ra8+ Ra4 62.Rxa4+ Kxa4 63.Kg3 Qg1+ 64.Kf4 g3 *(64...Kb3* gets mated. *65.Kf5 g3 66.e4 g2 67.e5 Qb6 68.e6 g1Q 69.Kf6 Qg4 70.Kf7 Qbxe6+ 71.Kf8 Qgg8#)* 65.Ke5 g2 66.Kd6 Qb6+ 67.Ke5 g1Q *(67...g1R 68.Kf4 Qd6+ 69.Ke4 Rf1 70.e3 Qd7 71.Ke5 Rf5+ 72.Ke4 Qd5#)* 68.Kf5 Qbg6+ 69.Ke5 Qe3+ 70.Kd5 Qge6#]
58.Ra8 Kb3 59.Rb8+ Rb4 60.Ra8 a2 (-> ...Ra4) **61.Kg3 Ra4 62.Rb8+ Kc4 63.Rc8+ Kd5**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.88/ Black=0.48
0-1

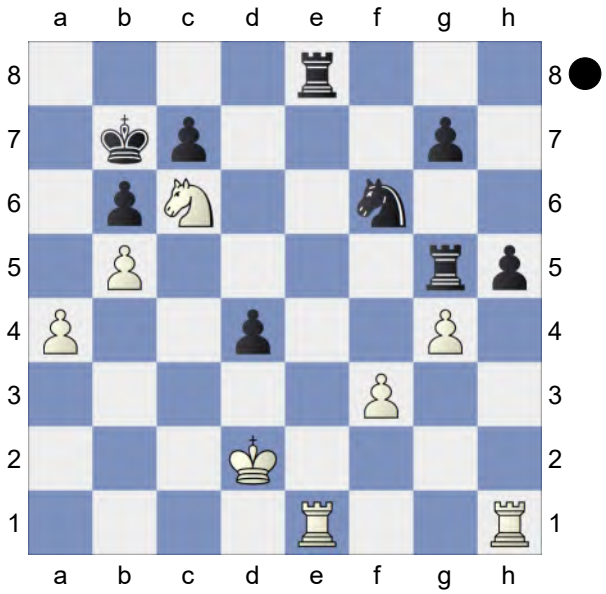
D02
□ **Paehtz,E.** **2471**
■ **Muzychuk,A.** **2504**
FIDE World Cup Women 2023 (5.4)
[Kitty Kat]

D02: 1 d4 d5 2 Nf3 sidelines, including 2...Nf6 3 g3 and 2...Nf6 3 Bf4
1.d4 d5 2.Nf3 Bf5N
[2...c5 3.g3 cxd4 4.Nxd4 e5 5.Nb3 Nc6 6.Bg2 Be6 7.0-0 f5 8.a4 Nf6 9.Bg5 Be7 10.Bxf6 Bxf6 11.Nc5 Bf7 12.c4 e4 13.cxd5 Qxd5 14.Qxd5 Bxd5 15.Nc3 Bxc3 16.bxc3 0-0-0 17.a5 ½-½ (31) Simpson,J (2520)-10.f4 ♗e4_11557 (2515) 34/231 Novi Sad 1982]
[2...Nf6 3.e3 c5 4.c4 cxd4 5.exd4 g6 6.Nc3 Bg7 7.cxd5 Nxd5 8.Qb3 Nxc3 9.bxc3 0-0 10.Bf4 *(10.Be2 Nc6 11.0-0 b6* The Rest On the way to the Queen's Gambit Declin*)* 10...Nc6 11.Be2 b6 12.0-0 Bb7 13.Rfe1 Rc8 14.Qb2 Na5 15.Nd2 Qd5 16.Bf1 Qf5 17.Bg3 ½-½ (28) Kluegel,J (2500)-Nickel,A (2630) 30/A (SUI) ICCF 2015]
3.Bf4 Nf6 4.e3 e6 5.Bd3 Bd6 6.Bg3 Ne4 7.Nbd2 -0.34/20
[White should try 7.Bxe4= 0.16/20 Bxe4 8.Nbd2]
7...Nxg3∓ 8.hxg3 Black has an edge.
8...Bxd3 9.cxd3 Nd7 10.g4 Qe7 11.Qb3 0-0-0 12.Nb1 -0.98/23

[12.0-0-0∓ -0.53/22 feels stronger.]
12...h6 13.Nc3 Nf6 -0.48/22
[13...c6∓ -0.88/23 14.Qd1 g5]
14.Qa4 -1.05/23
[14.Nb5∓ -0.48/22 Kb8 *(14...Nxg4? 15.Nxa7+ Kd7 16.Qxb7+-)* 15.Qa4]
14...Kb8 -0.45/22
[14...a6!∓ -1.05/23 15.Ne5 Kb8]
15.Ne5 -0.97/23
[15.Nb5∓ -0.45/22 a6 *(15...Nxg4? 16.Qxa7+ Kc8 17.Rc1+-)* 16.Nxd6 cxd6 17.b4]
15...a6 16.b4 -1.57/20 **Bxe5∓**
[16...Bxb4 17.0-0 Bxc3 18.Rab1±]
17.dxe5 Nxg4 18.d4

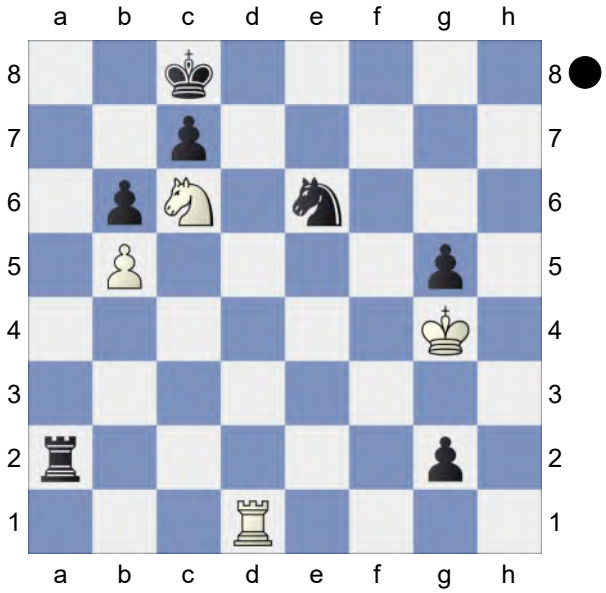


f6 -0.18/21
[18...c6!∓ -1.44/26 Threatens to win with ...f6. 19.Qb3 f6]
19.b5= a5 20.Qxa5 b6 would now be deadly. **20...b6 21.Qa4** -1.23/22
[21.exf6? Qxf6-+]
[21.Qa6!= 0.00/25]
21...fxe5∓ White must now prevent ... Rhf8. **22.Rb1 exd4 23.Qxd4** -2.16/22
[23.Rb3∓ -1.03/21]
23...Qf6 24.Qxf6 Nxf6
[24...gxf6 25.Ne2∓]
25.a4 e5 -1.12/20
[Black should play 25...d4 -1.57/24 26.exd4 Rxd4]
26.Na2 Kb7 27.Nb4 d4 28.Nc6 Hoping for exd4. **28...Rd5 29.exd4 exd4** Strongly threatening ...Re8+. **30.f3 Re8+** -0.76/24
[⌓30...Ra8 -1.25/24 31.Rb4 d3]
31.Kd2 Rg5↑ Black has the initiative.
32.g4 h5! 33.Rbe1? -2.47/28
[33.gxh5∓ -0.36/23 Rg2+ *(33...Nxh5 34.Rhg1∓; 33...Rxh5 34.Rxh5 Nxh5 35.Rb4=)* 34.Kd3]



Now White is beyond hope. **33...Ra8!-+**
[33...hxg4? too greedy. 34.Rxe8 Nxe8 35.Rh8+- *(35.Nxd4 gxf3 36.Ke3 f2∓)*]
34.Ra1 -3.44/19
[⌓34.Re7 -2.32/20]
34...hxg4 35.f4 Rf5 36.Rhf1 Nh5 37.Nxd4 Rxf4 38.Rxf4 Nxf4 Endgame. KRN-KRN **39.Nc6?** -5.93/22
[39.Nf5 -3.68/20]
39...g3 Black is clearly winning. **40.Ke3 g5 41.Rd1 g2 42.Kf2 Rxa4 43.Nd8+ Kc8** And now ...Ra2+ would win. **44.Nc6** White threatens Rd8+ and mate. **44...Ra2+ 45.Kf3 Ne6** Wards off Rd8+

46.Kg4 -7.93/22
[⌓46.Rg1 -4.98/21]



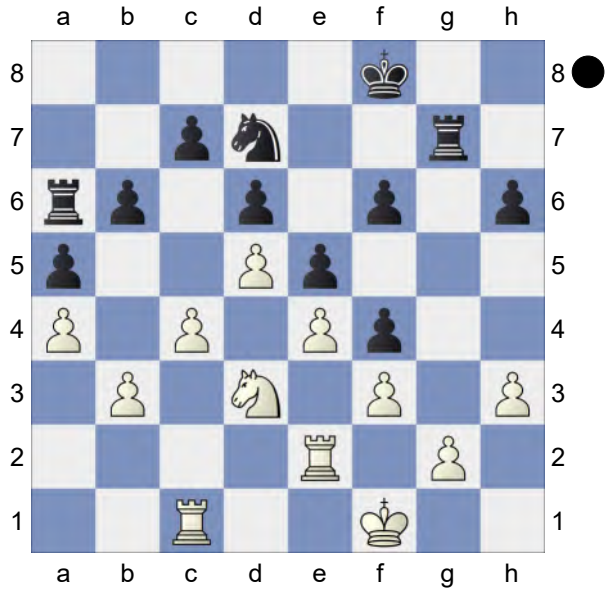
46...Rd2!! 47.Ra1
[47.Rg1 Kd7]
47...Kd7 48.Kf5 Rf2+ 49.Ke5 Rf1
Weighted Error Value: White=0.33/ Black=0.14 (very precise)
0-1

C50

□ **Vaishali,Rameshbabu** **2475**
■ **Muzychuk,A.** **2520**
FIDE Women's Candidates (5.3) 9.4.24
[Kitty Kat]

C54: Giuoco Piano: 4 c3 Nf6, main lines with 5 d4 and 5 d3
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.d3 Nf6 5.Bg5 d6
[5...h6 6.Bh4 0-0 7.c3 Be7 8.Bg3 d6 9.a4 Kh8 10.Nbd2 Nh7 11.0-0 f5 12.exf5 Bxf5 13.Re1 a6 14.b4 Bf6 15.Bd5 Bxd3 16.Ne4 Bxe4 17.Bxe4 Ng5 18.Nxg5 Bxg5 19.b5 Na5 20.Bc2 1-0 (44) 4.e5 ♘g8 5. ♘f3_38158 (2623)-4. ♘c3 ♘d4 5. ♗d3_39215 (2498) cor 1980 (6)]
6.c3N
[6.Nbd2 Bg4 7.h3 Bh5 8.Nf1 Nd4 9.g4 Bg6 10.c3 Ne6 11.Be3 0-0 12.Ng3 Nf4 13.Qd2 Ng2+ 14.Ke2 Nxe3 15.fxe3 c6 16.Bb3 Qe7 17.Raf1 d5 18.exd5 e4 19.dxe4 Bxe4 20.Rhg1 Bxd5 0-1 (24) Lasker, E-A,H Simul USA New York, NY]
[6.Nc3 h6 *(6...0-0 7.Nd5 Na5 8.Nxf6+ gxf6 9.Bh6 Re8 10.Nh4 Nxc4 11.dxc4 Kh8 12.Nf5 Rg8 13.g4 Be6 14.Qe2 c6 15.f3 Qb6 16.0-0-0 Qa6 17.a3 d5 18.h4 d4 19.g5 Bxc4 20.Qh2 Bxa3 21.gxf6* 0-1 (30) 14.Kb1 b5 15.g4-Garcia,S 4th ch Doha 2003*)* 7.Bxf6 *(7.Bh4 Bg4 8.h3 Bh5 9.g4 Bg6 10.Nd5 Bh7 11.Qd2 Nd4 12.Nxd4 Bxd4 13.Qa5 Bb6 14.Qa4+ c6 15.0-0-0 g5 16.Bg3 Nxd5 17.exd5 Qd7 18.dxc6 bxc6 19.h4 Rc8 20.hxg5 Qxg4 21.Bxf7+ Kxf7* (26) White-N,N*)* 7...Qxf6 8.Nd5 Qd8 9.c3 a6 10.a4 Ba7 11.Rg1 Be6 12.g4 Qd7 13.Nh4 Na5 14.Ba2 c6 15.b4 Qd8 16.Nf5 Bxf5 17.gxf5 cxd5 18.bxa5 Qxa5 19.Qb3 Rc8 20.Rc1 0-0 ½-½ (55) Bajaj,P (2080)-Spyropoulos,N (2421) Titled Tuesday intern op 24th Sep Early blitz 2024 (6)]
6...h6 7.Bh4 a5 8.Nbd2 Ba7 9.a4 Qe7 The position is equal. **10.0-0 g5 11.Bg3 0-0** 0.30/21
[⌓11...Bd7 -0.25/19]
12.Re1= Bg4 13.Nf1 Bh5 14.Ne3 Bxe3 15.Rxe3 Kg7 16.Qb3 Nd8 17.h3 Nd7 18.d4 f6 19.Nd2 White is more active. **19...Nb6 20.Ree1 Bf7 21.Bxf7 Qxf7 22.Qxf7+** 0.05/27
[22.Qc2± 0.60/22]
22...Rxf7 23.f3 Ne6 24.Nb3 -0.42/27
[24.Bf2= 0.00/22]

24...Nc4∓ 25.Re2 Ra6 26.d5 Nf4 27.Bxf4 gxf4 28.Nc1 Kf8 29.Nd3 Rg7 30.b3 Nb6
[30...Ne3!? 31.b4 c6∓]
31.c4 Nd7 32.Rc1 -0.66/22
[32.Rc2= -0.20/23 should be considered.]
32...b6! 33.Kf1 -1.09/28
[33.Nf2∓ -0.63/24]

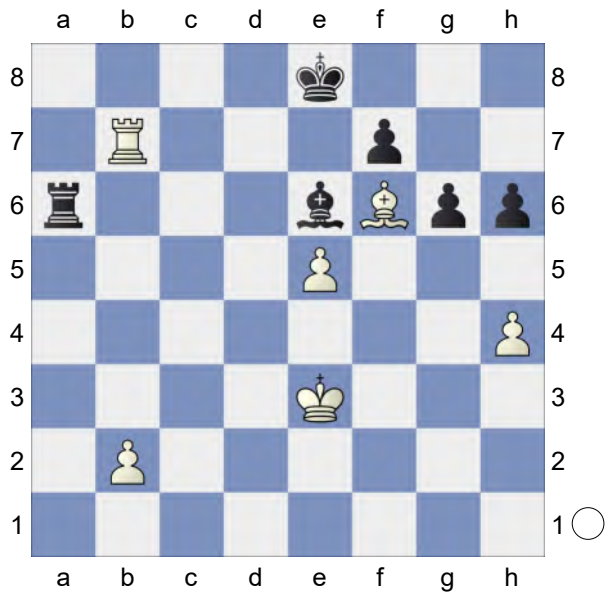


33...Ke7 -0.63/26
[33...Nc5!∓ -1.09/28 34.Rc3 Nxd3 35.Rxd3 Ra8]
34.g4 -1.03/25
[34.Rb1∓ -0.63/26]
34...fxg3∓ 35.f4 h5 36.f5 h4 37.Kg2 Rg8 38.Rc3 Raa8 39.Ne1 Nc5 40.Nd3 Rac8 41.Nxc5 -2.00/25
[41.Ne1∓ -1.03/29]
41...dxc5 Endgame. KRR-KRR. Black is clearly better. **42.Rd3 Rcd8 43.Red2 Rd6 44.Rd1 Rgd8 45.Kf3 c6 46.R1d2 cxd5** -1.36/21
[46...Rg8-+ -1.72/25 White must now prevent ...cxd5. 47.Kg2 Rdd8]
47.exd5 Rg8 48.Rg2 Rg5
Weighted Error Value: White=0.13 (very precise) /Black=0.10 (very precise)
½-½

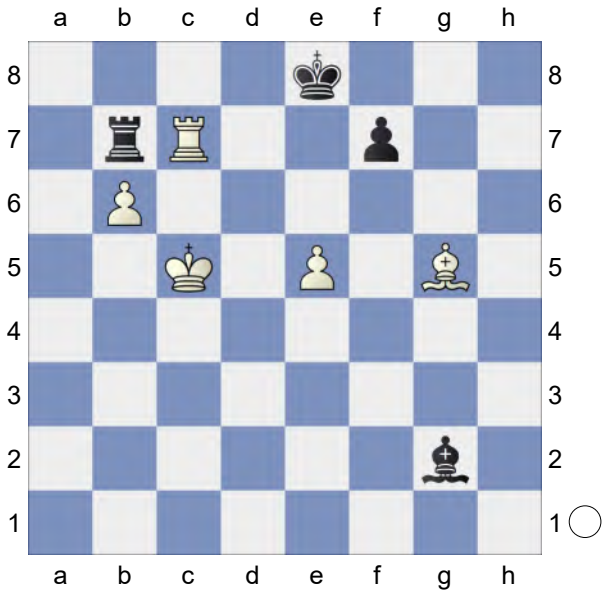
A23
□ **Muzychuk,A.** **2504**
■ **Tan,Zhongyi** **2523**
FIDE World Cup Women 2023 (7.1)
[Kitty Kat]

A23: English Opening: 1...e5 2 Nc3 Nf6 3 g3 c6
1.c4 Nf6 2.Nc3 e5 3.g3 c6 4.Nf3 e4 5.Nd4 Bc5N
[5...d5 6.cxd5 cxd5 7.Bg2 Qb6 8.Nb3 a5 9.d3 a4 10.Nd2 exd3 11.0-0 d4 12.Nce4 Nxe4 13.Nxe4 dxe2 14.Qxe2 Be7 15.Ng5 h6 16.Re1 Qd8 17.Nh3 Bxh3 18.Bxh3 Nc6 19.Qb5 ½-½ Thomson,A-Ugolik,V (2341) FIDE World Cup 2017 (3)]
[5...b5 6.cxb5 c5 7.Nc2 d5 8.Bg2 Bb7 9.d3 Be7 10.0-0 a6 11.bxa6 Rxa6 12.dxe4 d4 13.Nd5 Nxd5 14.exd5 Bxd5 15.Bxd5 Qxd5 16.b4 0-0 17.bxc5 Bxc5 18.e3 d3 19.Nd4 Bxd4 20.Qxd3 0-1 (83) Theory,A (2327)-Lujan,M (2445) 27/579 Montreal 1979 (3)]
6.Nb3 Be7 0.70/24
[6...Bb4= 0.30/25]
7.Bg2± d5 8.cxd5 White is better.
8...cxd5 9.d3 exd3 10.Qxd3 Nc6 11.0-0
[11.Bxd5? Nb4 12.Qb5+ Bd7 13.Qxb7 Rb8 14.Qxa7 Nc2+ *(14...Nfxd5? 15.0-0-+; 14...Nbxd5? 15.Nxd5 Nxd5 16.0-0-+)* 15.Kd1 Nxa1 16.Nxa1 Be6-+]
11...0-0 12.Nxd5 0.31/18 White is more active.
[12.Bxd5 Nb4 13.Bxf7+ Rxf7 14.Qxd8+ Bxd8-+]

[12.Rd1± 0.97/22]
12...Nxd5 13.Qxd5 Bf6 0.79/21
[13...Qxd5± 0.33/22 is superior. 14.Bxd5 Bf6]
14.Be3 0.23/22
[Better is 14.Qc4± 0.79/21]
14...Qxd5= 15.Bxd5 Nb4 16.Be4 Bh3 17.Rfd1 Black must now prevent Bc5!
17...Rae8 1.38/27
[17...Bxb2± 0.34/23 18.Rab1 Bf6]
18.f3 0.18/25
[18.Bxb7?! Nc2=]
[Only move: 18.Nd2!± 1.38/27]
18...Rxe4! 19.fxe4 And now Bc5! would win. **19...Nc2 20.Bxa7 Nxa1 21.Rxa1** Bd4 would now be deadly. **21...Ra8 22.Bd4** Bxf6 is the strong threat. **22...Be6 23.Bxf6 Bxb3±** Endgame. KRB-KRB **24.Bd4 Rxa2 25.Rc1 Ra8** Against Rc8+ **26.Rc7 b5 27.Rc5 Bc4 28.Rg5 g6 29.Rc5 Bxe2 30.Kf2 Bc4 31.Bf6 h6 32.g4 Be6 33.Rxb5 Bxg4 34.h4 Kf8 35.Rb7 Ke8 36.Re7+ Kf8 37.Rb7 Ke8 38.Ke3 Ra6 39.e5 Be6** 1.01/26
[39...Bc8= 0.05/31 40.Re7+ Kf8]



40.b4!± Ra1 1.93/27
[40...Rc6± 1.11/23]
41.b5+- g5? 4.83/26
[41...Ra8 2.00/23 keeps fighting. 42.Kd4 Bg4 43.Re7+ Kf8]
42.hxg5 hxg5 4.87/24
[⌓42...Ra3+ 3.34/23 43.Ke2 hxg5]
43.b6
[43.Bxg5 Rb1±]
43...Ra8 44.Kd4 Prevents Bd5. Strongly threatening Re7+.
[Not 44.Bxg5 Kf8 45.Bf6 Kg8+-]
[But not 44.Re7+ Kf8 45.b7 *(45.Bxg5 Rb8=)* 45...Rb8+-]
44...Bh3? 7.07/27
[44...Bd7 3.94/22 45.Rc7 *(45.Bxg5 Rc8+-)* 45...g4]
45.Bxg5 Bg2 46.Rc7? 0.15/22
[White must play 46.Re7++- 4.44/28 Kf8 47.Rc7]
46...Rb8!= 47.Kc5? 5.03/24
[47.Rc2= 0.12/22 Bf3 48.Ke3]
47...Rb7 11.18/25
[⌓47...Be4 5.03/24 48.Bf6 Bh1 49.Re7+ Kf8]

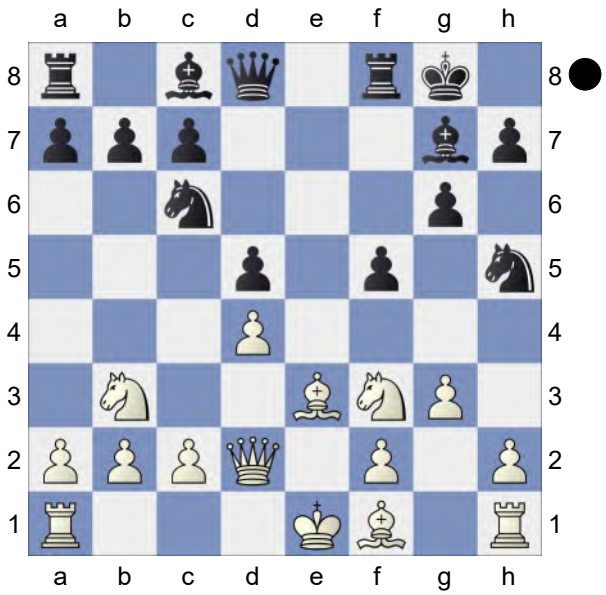


48.Rc6? 1.06/25 **Kf8?** 12.30/24
[48...Rb8± 1.06/25]
49.Rc8++- White is clearly winning.

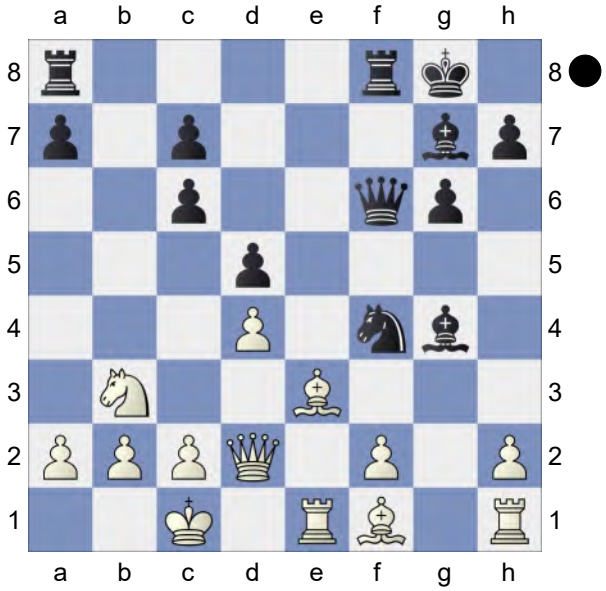
49...Kg7 50.Bf6+ Kh7 51.Rh8+ Kg6 52.Rg8+ Skewer.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.44/ Black=0.29 (precise)
1-0

A48
□ **Tan,Zhongyi** **2523**
■ **Muzychuk,A.** **2504**
FIDE World Cup Women 2023 (7.2)
[Kitty Kat]

A48: 1 d4 Nf6 2 Nf3 g6: Torre, London and Colle Systems
A48: Est-indienne (sans c2-c4)
1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 g6 3.Bf4
[3.c4 c5 4.g3 *(4.Nc3 cxd4 5.Nxd4 d5 6.cxd5 Nxd5 7.Ndb5 Nxc3 8.Qxd8+ Kxd8 9.Nxc3 Bg7 10.Bd2 Be6 11.g3 Nc6 12.Bg2 Rc8 13.Rc1 Ke8 14.b3 Bxc3 15.Rxc3 f6 16.0-0 Kf7 17.Bxc6 Rxc6 18.Rxc6 bxc6* 1-0 (41) Arsovic,G (2359)-Lusheski,K (1573) FRM-chT2 Gp-A 2022 (5.2)*)* 4...cxd4 5.Nxd4 d5 6.Bg2 e5 7.Nf3 Bb4+ 8.Nbd2 e4 9.Nd4 0-0 10.Nc2 Be7 11.0-0 Be6 12.b3 Nc6 13.Bb2 dxc4 14.bxc4 Qb6 15.Rb1 Qa6 16.Bxf6 Bxf6 17.Nxe4 Bg7 1-0 (92) Svidler,P (2727)-Bu,X (2714) Nanjing Pearl Spring 1st 2008 (8)]
3...Bg7 4.Nbd2N
[4.e3 c5 5.c3 Qb6 6.Qb3 Qxb3 7.axb3 d6 8.dxc5 dxc5 9.Bxb8 Rxb8 10.Bb5+ Nd7 11.Rxa7 0-0 12.Nbd2 Nb6 13.Ke2 Be6 14.Nc4 Nc8 15.Raa1 Nd6 16.Nxd6 exd6 17.Bc4 d5 18.Bb5 h6 0-1 (43) Dreev,A (2698)-Bologan,V (2669) Russie (coupe federation blitz) 2004 (10)]
4...0-0 5.e4 d5 6.e5 Nh5 7.Be3 f6 8.g3 -0.23/23
[8.exf6± 0.42/21 exf6 9.Be2]
8...Nc6= 9.exf6 exf6 10.Nb3 -0.96/21
[10.c4!∓ -0.49/22]
10...f5!∓ 11.Qd2



f4! -0.65/21 **12.gxf4∓ Qf6 13.Ne5 Nxf4 14.Nxc6 bxc6 15.0-0-0 Bg4! 16.Re1**



Ne6! 17.Rg1 Bf5 18.c3 a5 19.Nc5 Nxc5 20.dxc5 Bg5 is the strong threat.
20...Qh4 21.Bf4 Rae8 22.Ba6 Re4 23.Bg3 Qe7 -0.75/22
[23...Bh6!-+ -1.73/24 is more deadly. 24.f4 Bxf4 25.Qxf4 Rxf4

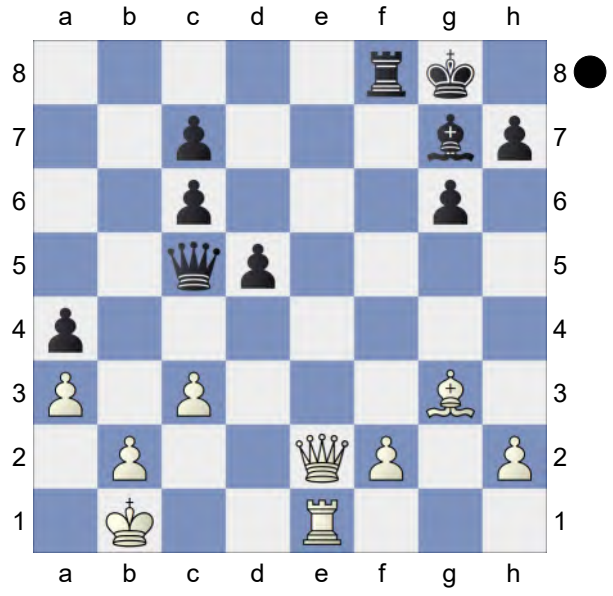
(25...Qxf4+? 26.Bxf4 Rxf4 27.Rgf1∓) 26.Bxh4 Rxh4]

24.Bd3∓ Rxe1+ 0.00/23

[Black should try 24...Bh6∓ -0.69/21 25.f4 Rxe1+ 26.Rxe1 Qxc5 27.Bxf5 Rxf5 28.Re8+ Rf8]

25.Rxe1= Qxc5 26.Bxf5 Rxf5 27.Kb1 a4 28.a3 Rf8 29.Qe2 -0.79/22

[29.Qc2= -0.26/22 remains equal.]



29...Qb5 0.00/28

[29...d4!∓ -0.79/22 30.cxd4 Qf5+ *(30...Qxd4 31.Rd1∓; 30...Bxd4 31.Qe6+ Rf7 32.Re4=)* 31.Kc1 Bxd4 *(31...Bh6+ 32.f4∓)* 32.Qe6+ Qxe6 33.Rxe6 Rb8 *(33...Bxf2 34.Rxc6 Bxg3 35.hxg3∓)*]

30.Qe6+ Kh8 31.Ka1 Rb8

[31...d4 looks sharper. 32.cxd4 Bxd4 33.Re2 Qd5]

32.Qe2 Active counter play! **32...Qxe2 33.Rxe2** Endgame. KRB-KRB **33...d4** 0.00/29

[33...Kg8∓ -0.39/25]

34.cxd4 The position is equal. **34...Bxd4 35.Bxc7 Rb3 36.Ka2 Rf3 37.Rc2 Rxf2**

[Don't play 37...Bxf2?! 38.Rc4±]

38.Rxf2 Bxf2 KB-KB **39.b3 axb3+ 40.Kxb3 Kg7 41.a4 Kf7 42.a5** Strongly threatening Bb6. **42...Ke6 43.a6 Kd7 44.Bf4**

[44.Bb8!?]

44...c5 45.Kc4 Kc6 46.Bd6 Promotion **46...Kb6**

[46...Kxd6? too greedy. 47.a7+-]

47.a7 Deflection **47...Kxa7** Threatens to win with ...Kb6. **48.Bxc5+ Bxc5 49.Kxc5** KPP-KP **49...Kb7** Hoping for ...Kc7. **50.Kd6 g5 51.Ke6 Kc6 52.Kf5 Kd6 53.Kxg5 Ke6 54.Kh6**

Weighted Error Value: White=0.14 (very precise) /Black=0.13 (very precise)

½-½

	C88
□ **Svidler,P.**	**2749**
■ **Muzychuk,A.**	**2580**
Gibraltar Open (3.11)	26.01.2012

[Kitty Kat]

C88: Closed Ruy Lopez: Anti-Marshall Systems

The match had been very tense. Many people including me expected Magnus to be a clear favourite, but Sergey and his team prepared excellently. The tie-break was eagerly awaited by the chess world.

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Be7 6.Re1

[6.d3 b5 7.Bb3 d6 8.a3 0-0 9.Nc3 Nb8 *(9...Na5 10.Ba2 c5 11.Bg5 Be6 12.Bxf6 Bxf6 13.Nd5 Nc6 14.c3 g6 15.a4 Bg7 16.Ne3 Bd7 17.Bd5 Qc7 18.Qb3 Rab8 19.axb5 axb5 20.Ra6 Ne7 21.Rfa1 Nc8 22.h3 h6 23.Nh4 Ne7 24.Ra7* 1-0 (50) Jiang,L (2352)-Wongso,S (2069) Las Vegas 1000 GM op 2023 (1) *)* 10.Ne2 c5 11.Ng3 Nc6 12.c3

Rb8 13.h3 a5 14.a4 b4 15.Re1 Be6 16.Bc4 h6 17.Be3 Qc8 18.Qe2 Rd8 19.Bxe6 fxe6 20.d4 bxc3 ½-½ (37) Karjakin,S (2772)-Carlsen,M (2853) World-ch Carlsen-Karjakin Tiebreak rapid 2016 (1)]

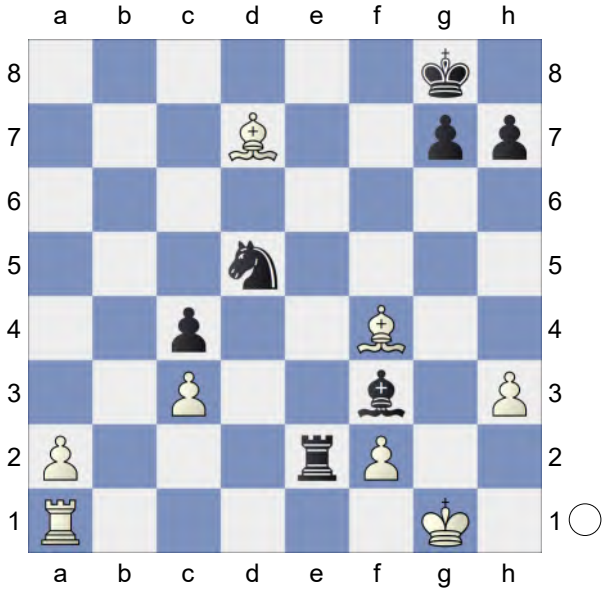
6...b5 7.Bb3 0-0N

[7...d6 8.d4 Nxd4 9.Nxd4 exd4 10.c3 dxc3 11.Nxc3 0-0 12.a4 Bb7 13.axb5 axb5 14.Rxa8 Bxa8 15.Bg5 b4 A8) RL – 8th Move Alternati-8th Move Alternatives – 8.]

8.h3 Bb7 9.d3 d5 10.exd5 Nxd5 11.Nxe5 Nxe5 12.Rxe5 Qd6 13.Re1 Rae8 14.Nd2 c5 White has an edge. **15.Ne4 Qc6 16.c4 Nb6 17.cxb5 axb5 18.Qf3! c4 19.dxc4 bxc4 20.Bc2 f5 21.Nc3 Qxf3 22.gxf3 Bxf3 23.Bf4 Bb4 24.Rxe8 Rxe8 25.Bxf5 Bxc3 26.bxc3** With the idea Rb1. **26...Nd5 27.Bd7** A strong pair of Bishops.

27...Re2 1.18/24

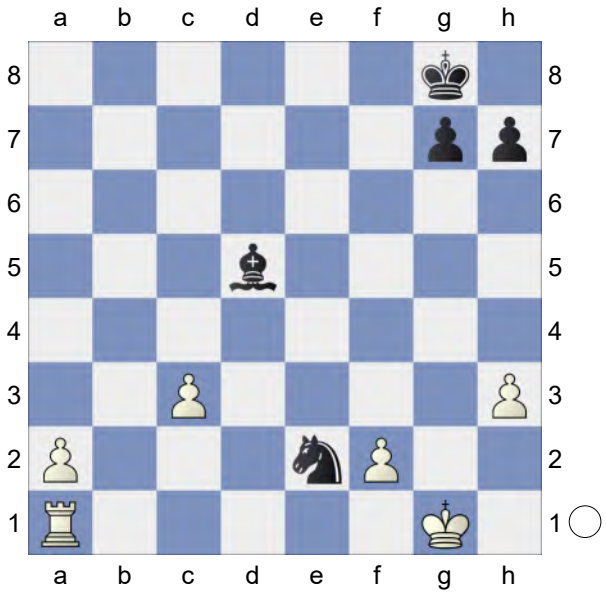
[27...Re7!= 0.22/31 28.Bc6 Re6 29.Bxd5 Bxd5]



28.Bb5!± Nxf4 29.Bxc4+ Bd5 2.12/22

[29...Kf8± 1.17/25 might work better.]

30.Bxe2+- Nxe2+



31.Kh2! a4 is the strong threat. **31...Nxc3 32.a4** aiming for a5. **32...Ne4** 2.95/25

[32...Kf7± 1.48/22 was necessary. 33.a5 Ke8]

33.a5? 0.31/22

[33.Rd1+- 2.95/25 Bc6 34.a5]

33...Nxf2± 34.a6 Threatens to win with Ra5. **34...Ne4! 35.a7 Nf6 36.a8Q+**

[36.Ra5 is more complex. Ba8 37.Rc5 Kf7 38.Rc7+]

36...Bxa8 The position is equal. **37.Rxa8+=** Endgame. KR-KN **37...Kf7 38.Kg3 g5 39.Kf3 Kg6 40.Ra5 h5 41.Ke3 h4 42.Kf3 Kh6 43.Ke3**

[43.Rf5!? Kg6□ 44.Rb5=]

43...Kg6 44.Rb5 g4

Weighted Error Value: White=0.21 (precise) /Black=0.18 (very precise)

½-½

B43

□ **Muzychuk,A.** **2598**
■ **Cramling,P.** **2478**
Women's World Rapid Championship 20..
[Kitty Kat]

B43: Sicilian: Kan Variation: 5 Nc3
ELSHAN'S EXPLORATIONS LEGENDS PLAYING THE RAGOZIN *** A botanical analysis and a few notes *** As part of Magnus Carlsen Invitational Tour, the "Legends of Chess" event was a unique one: three world champions, two challengers, and five elite players - both recent and current ones - took part in the preliminary event after which four participants qualified for the final stage. But what is so unique about this event? It is not only the clash of the "pre-Magnus era" leading players with some of today's elite, but it is also a clash between two generations. Those who played chess online as kids and those who have not spent much playing chess online before! The tournament proved a hard test for the older generation not only for its format, but also for its demanding nature as an online event. Despite seeing good fights from middle-aged lions, it was the young ones who prevailed with Carlsen showing his dominance once more by beating Nepomniachtchi in the final. I took a different angle toward this event and tried to explore the Ragozin Defence and its trending in the online events. The legends did not disappoint at all! Here, I share four games with you, with the last one encompassing all of Ivanchuk's effort in transforming it into a Nimzo structure. Nevertheless, the most entertaining of these games is the one between Carlsen and Giri where the World Champion essayed another new idea in the Ragozin. An in-depth analysis of the line is included in the game. Dear readers, enjoy the material and stay safe! Avrukh,B: 'Inf 97/157' **1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 a6 5.Nc3 Qc7 6.Bd3 Nc6N**

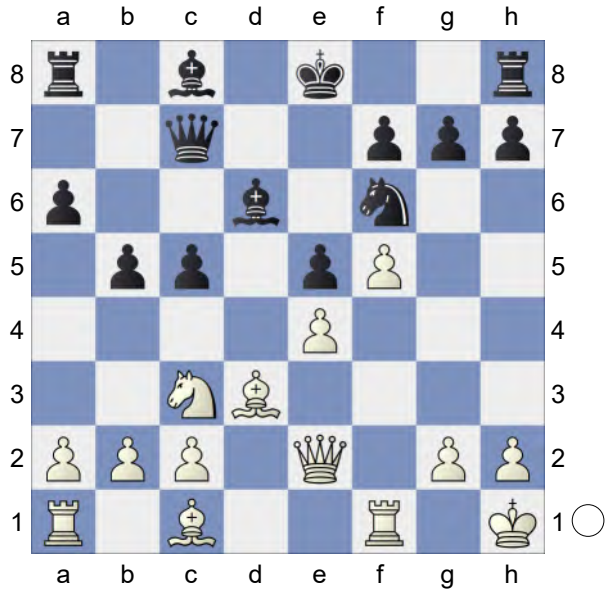
[6...Nf6 7.0-0

A) 7...Bc5 8.Nb3 Be7 9.f4 *(9.a4 b6 10.Be3 Nc6 11.f4 d6 12.Qf3 Bb7 13.Rae1 Nb4 14.Qg3 h5 15.h3 g6 16.Nd4 h4 17.Qf2 Nd7 18.Nf3 Nc5 19.Rd1 0-0-0 20.Kh1 f5 21.e5 dxe5 22.Nxe5 g5 23.a5 gxf4* ½-½ (45) Cubas,J (2425)-Avrukh,B (2633) (ol) 97/157 Torino 2006 *)* 9...d6 10.a4 Nc6 11.a5 b5 12.axb6 Qxb6+ 13.Kh1 0-0 14.Qe2 a5 15.Be3 Qc7 16.Nb5 Qb8 17.c3 d5 18.e5 Ne4 19.Bxe4 dxe4 20.Nc5 Bxc5 21.Bxc5 Ba6 22.c4 1-0 (34) Carlsen,M (2863)-Giri,A (2764) chess24.com (Internet-m/2-rapid) 2020 Rd8 23.Nd6 f5 24.exf6 Rxd6 25.Qxe4 Bb7 26.Bxd6 Qxd6 27.Rad1 Nd8 28.f7+ Kxf7 29.Qxh7 Qc6 30.Rf2 Qe4 31.f5 e5 32.Rfd2 Bc6 33.Qg6+ Ke7 34.Rd7+ 1-0 Molina,R (2646)-13. ♖ad1 ♕b6 14. b3 22709 (2655) (ch) 73/(376) 1998;

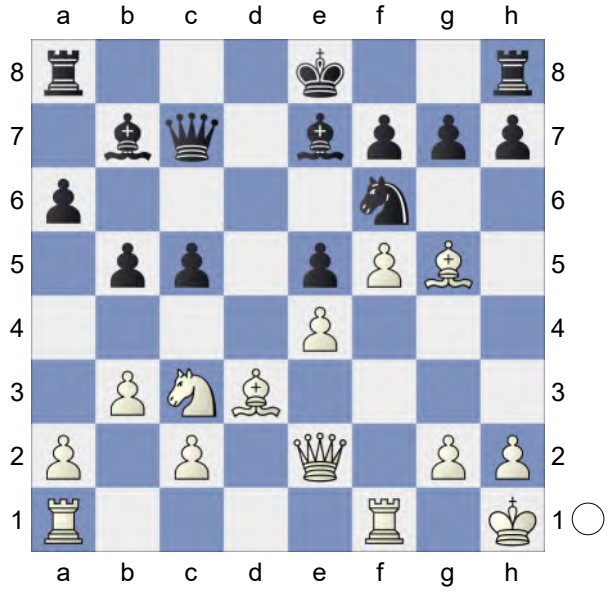
B) 7...d6 8.Qe2 Nbd7 9.Bd2 b6 10.Kh1 Be7 11.f4 g6 12.Rae1 Bb7 13.e5 Nh5 14.f5 Nxe5 15.fxe6 f6 16.Be4 0-0 17.Bd5 Ng7 18.Bh6 Kh8 19.Qd1 Rg8 20.Re3 f5 21.Rh3 1-0 (27) Mihok,O (2346)-Hepting,H (2214) Nuremberg LGA Cup 5th 2008 (7)]

7.Nxc6 dxc6 8.0-0 e5 9.f4 Nf6 10.Kh1 Bd6 11.f5 b5 12.Qe2 c5 0.88/23

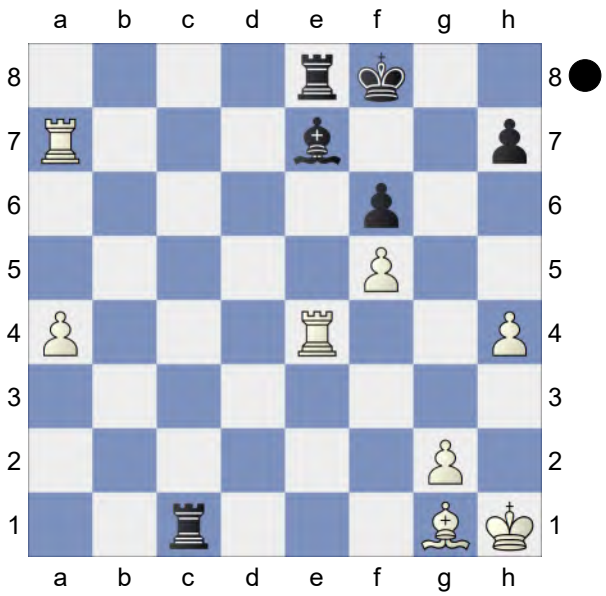
[12...Bb7± 0.43/21]



13.b3 0.31/21
[13.Nd5!± 0.88/23 Nxd5 14.exd5]
13...Bb7± 14.Bg5 Be7 0.91/21
[14...Rc8!± 0.36/24 15.Bxf6 gxf6]



15.a4 0.21/25 White is more active.
[Better is 15.Bxf6!± 0.91/21 Bxf6 16.a4]
15...c4!= 16.bxc4 bxc4 17.Bxc4 Rc8!
18.Bxf6
[18.Bxa6 Bxa6 *(18...Qxc3? 19.Bxb7 Rc7 20.Qb5+ Nd7 21.Bxe7+-)* 19.Qxa6 Qxc3 20.Bxf6 Bxf6-+ *(20...gxf6? 21.Qb7-+)*]
18...Qxc4
[Much worse is 18...Bxf6?! 19.Bd5± *(19.Bxa6? Bxa6 20.Qxa6 Qxc3-+)*]
19.Bxg7
[19.Bxe5 f6 20.Qh5+ Kf8-+]
19...Rg8⇄ Black is fighting back
20.Bxe5 Qxe2 21.Nxe2 Strongly threatening f6. **21...f6 22.Bd4** next c3 is good for White. **22...Bxe4 23.Ng3 Bxc2** This pair of bishops is nice. **24.Rfe1**
[24.Rf4 simplifies Kf7 25.Rh4 h5 26.Rxh5 Rh8 27.Rxh8 Rxh8 28.Kg1]
24...Kf7 25.Re6 Bb3 26.Rxa6 Rc2 27.Re1 Hoping for Ra7. **27...Bd5 28.Ra7! Re8 29.Ne4** -0.06/26
[29.Kg1± 0.38/24 Rxg2+ 30.Kf1]
29...Bxe4! 30.Rxe4 Threatens to win with g3. **30...Rc1+ 31.Bg1 Kf8 32.h4** -0.60/24
[32.Raxe7= -0.06/30 Rxe7 33.Rxe7 Kxe7 34.g3]



32...Rxg1+!∓ Remove Defender, Decoy

33.Kxg1 Endgame. KRR-KRB **33...Bc5+ 34.Kh2!** aiming for Rxe8+. **34...Bxa7** 0.00/37
[Black should play 34...Rxe4∓ -0.54/28 35.Rxh7 Bd6+ *(35...Rxa4? 36.Kh3∓)* 36.Kh3 Rxa4]
35.Rxe8+= Kxe8∓ KB-KP **36.g4 h6 37.Kg3?** -7.39/28
[37.a5= 0.00/30]
37...Ke7? 0.00/44
[37...Bb6-+ -7.39/28 38.Kf4 Bc7+ 39.Ke4 Ba5]
38.a5= The position is equal. **38...Bb8+ 39.Kf3 Bc7 40.a6** Black must now prevent a7. **40...Bb8 41.Ke4 Kd6 42.g5 fxg5 43.hxg5 hxg5** (-> ...Ke7) **44.f6 Ke6 45.f7 Kxf7**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.32/ Black=0.19 (very precise)
½-½

B40
□ **Abdumalik,Z.** **2491**
■ **Muzychuk,A.** **2531**
World Blitz Women 2021 (17.8) 30.12.21
[Kitty Kat]

B45: Sicilian Four Knights
1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4
[4.c3 dxc3 5.Nxc3 Nc6 6.Bc4 a6 7.0-0 Nge7 8.Bg5 h6 9.Be3 Ng6 10.Nd4 Qc7 11.Rc1 Bd6 12.g3 Be7 13.f4 Bc5 14.Re1 0-0 15.a4 Nxd4 16.Bxd4 Qb6 17.Ne2 d6 18.Bxc5 dxc5 0-1 (58) Paidousis,A (2283)-Cruz, C (2217) GER CupT final_84363 2001]
4...Nf6
[4...Nc6 5.g3 Qb6 6.Nb3 Nf6 7.Bg2 Be7 8.0-0 0-0 9.Nc3 a6 10.Be3 Qc7 11.a4 Ne5 12.Bf4 d6 13.a5 Bd7 B 44/01 2001]
5.Nc3N
[5.Bd3 d6 6.0-0 Be7 7.c4 Nbd7 8.Nc3 a6 9.Be3 Qc7 10.Rc1 b6 11.f3 Bb7 12.Qe1 0-0 13.Qf2 Rac8 14.Rfd1 Qb8 15.Bf1 Bd8 16.b3 Bc7 17.Qh4 Ne5 18.Bg5 Bd8 19.Qh3 Nc6 (33) Chapter-Game Chapter 1-21]
5...Nc6 6.Nxc6 bxc6 7.e5 Nd5 8.Ne4 Qc7 9.f4! Rb8 0.95/22
[9...Qa5+± 0.40/22 10.Bd2 Qb6]
10.a3 0.36/23
[10.c4!± 0.95/22]
10...Qb6± 11.Qf3 Ba6 1.12/23
[11...Bb7= 0.30/22]
12.c4!± f5 13.exf6! Nxf6 14.Nxf6+ 0.00/24
[White must play 14.c5!± 1.10/26 Qb7 15.Nxf6+ gxf6 16.Qh5+ Kd8 17.b4]
14...gxf6= 15.Qc3 -1.05/20 Against Qd4
[15.Qh5+= 0.00/24 remains equal. Kd8 16.c5 Bxc5 17.Bxa6 Qa5+ 18.Kd1 Qa4+ 19.Ke1 Qa5+ 20.Kd1 *(20.Bd2? Bf2+* Discovered Attack *21.Kxf2 Qxh5-+)* 20...Qa4+ 21.Ke1 Qa5+ 22.Kd1 *(22.Bd2? Bf2+* Discovered Attack *23.Kxf2 Qxh5-+)*]
15...Bc5!↑ White is under strong pressure. **16.Qc2** -1.63/20
[16.Ra2∓ -1.11/22 might work better.]
16...Qb3!-+ 17.Qxb3 -2.43/21
[⌓17.Kd1 -1.87/22 Ke7 18.h4]
17...Rxb3 18.Be2 d5 -1.56/21
[18...Bd4-+ -2.83/22 Hoping for ...c5! 19.Rb1 Rg8]
19.Bd1∓ Rb8 Black has more active pieces. The white rooks are passive. **20.cxd5 cxd5 21.b4 Bd4 22.Ra2 Ke7 23.Be2 Rhc8 24.Bd2 Bc4 25.Bxc4 Rxc4**
[But not 25...dxc4 26.Kd1=]
26.Rf1 Rbc8 -1.08/19

[Better is 26...Rg8-+ -1.99/23 27.g3 h5]

27.Rf3 -1.59/23

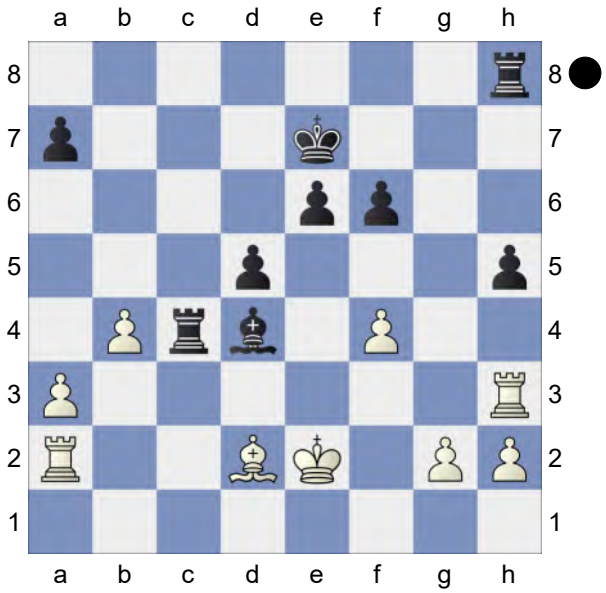
[⌓27.a4 -1.08/19]

27...h5 -1.18/20

[⌓27...Rg8 -1.59/23 28.Kf1 Rg7]

28.Rh3 Rh8 29.Ke2 -1.55/20

[White should play 29.b5 -1.14/21]



29...e5! 30.fxe5 -2.49/21

[30.g4 -1.61/21 keeps fighting.]

30...fxe5-+ 31.b5 e4 32.a4 Rf8? -0.93/19

[32...Bc5-+ -2.49/24 is more deadly. ... Rf8 would now be deadly. 33.Rh4 Rf8]

33.Be1∓ Rf5 Strongly threatening ... Bc5. **34.a5 Rc8** 0.00/25

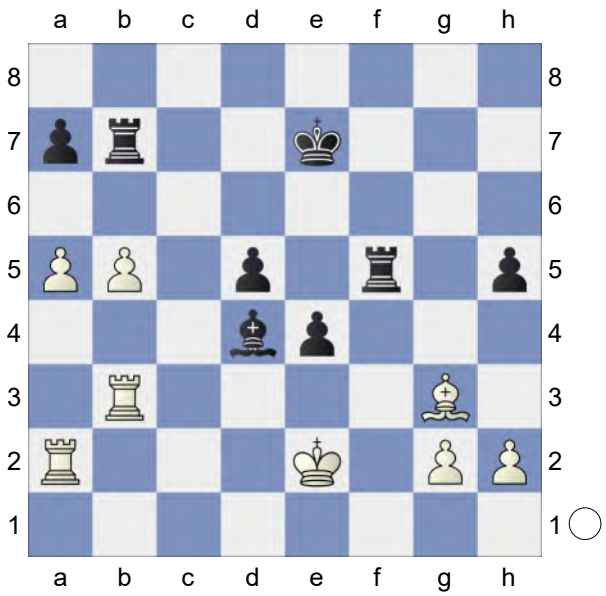
[34...Kd6∓ -0.69/21]

35.Rb3= Rb8 36.Bg3 Rd2! is the strong threat. **36...Rb7** 0.44/26

[36...Rg8= 0.00/26 might be stronger. 37.Rd2 Bf6]

(Diagram)

37.b6 -0.04/24 **axb6 38.a6?** -2.99/21



[38.Rc2= 0.00/23 and White is okay.]

38...Ra7-+ White must now prevent ... Bc5. **39.Bb8?** -5.16/23

[39.Ke1 -2.50/19]

39...Ra8 -2.28/19

[⌓39...Rf2+ -5.16/23 40.Kd1 Rxa2 41.Bxa7 Ra1+ *(41...Rxg2 42.Bxb6 Bxb6 43.Rxb6∓; 41...Rxa6? 42.Bb8-+)* 42.Kc2 Rxa6]

40.Bg3? -4.14/21

[40.Ra4 -2.28/19 Bc5 41.Bg3]

40...Bc5 41.a7 d4 42.Ra6 Kd7 Black is clearly winning. **43.Ra1 Kc6** Threatens to win with ...Rf7. **44.Bb8 d3+ 45.Kd2 Rf2+ 46.Kc1 Rf1+ 47.Kb2 Bd4+** Skewer.

Weighted Error Value: White=0.64/ Black=0.31

0-1

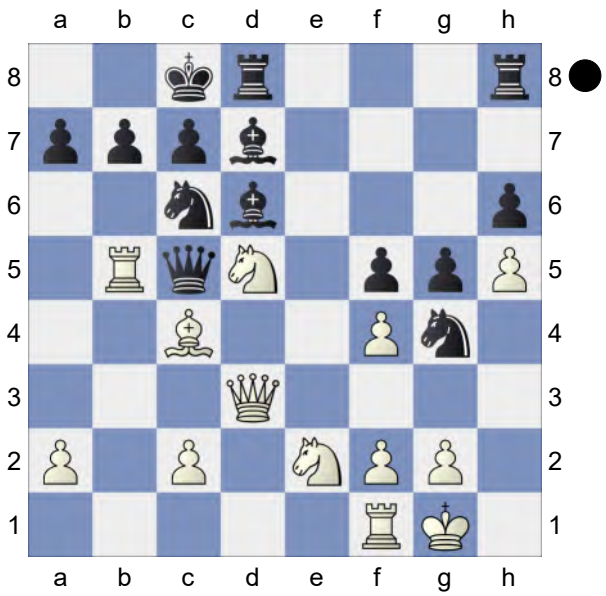
A80
□ **Vaishali,R.** **2401**
■ **Muzychuk,A.** **2531**
World Blitz Women 2021 (13.3) 30.12.21
[Kitty Kat]

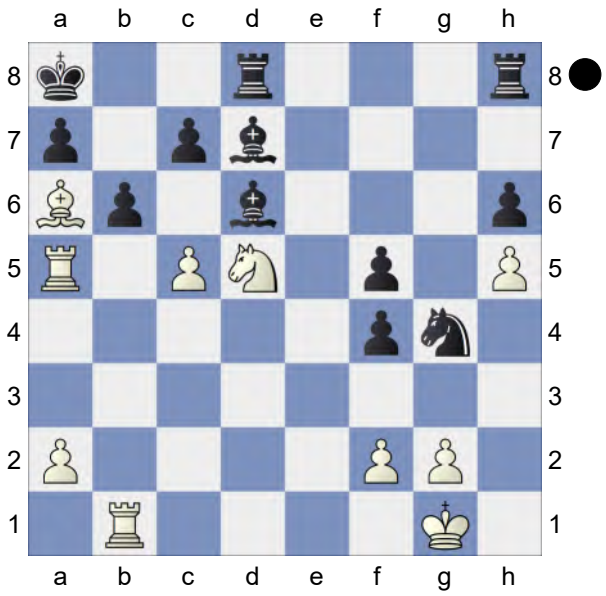
A80: Dutch Defence: Unusual White second moves

1.d4 f5 2.Bf4 Nf6 3.e3 d6 4.Nc3 g6 5.h4 h6 6.Qf3 Nc6
[6...c6 7.Bc4 d5 8.Bd3 Be6 9.h5 Nxh5 10.Rxh5 gxh5 11.Bxf5 Bf7 12.Qh3 Nd7 13.Nf3 Bg7 14.0-0-0 e6 15.Bxe6 Bxe6 16.Qxe6+ Qe7 17.Qh3 Qf7 18.Ne2 0-0-0 19.Ng3 Rhg8 20.Nxh5 Bh8 21.Nh4 ½-½ (22) Andreikin,D (2727)-Wang,H (2752) Dortmund SuperGM 41st 2013 (3)]
[6...Bg7 7.Qg3 Kf7 8.Bc4+ e6 9.0-0-0 Nc6 10.Nh3 a6 11.e4 fxe4 12.f3 b5 13.Bb3 Na5 14.fxe4 Nxb3+ 15.axb3 b4 16.e5 bxc3 17.exf6 cxb2+ 18.Kxb2 Bxf6 19.Be5 Bxe5 20.dxe5 d5 21.Rhf1+ 1-0 (33) Stella,A (2447)-Gorshtein,I (2514) 54th Italian Teams GpA 2023 (1)]
7.Bc4N 0.13/21 White is more active.
[7.0-0-0± 0.64/20 e6 8.e4 Qe7 9.exf5 gxf5 10.Bc4 Na5 11.Bb5+ Bd7 12.Bxd7+ Qxd7 13.d5 e5 14.Qe2 b5 15.Nxb5 Bg7 16.Nc3 0-0 17.Bd2 Rab8 18.Qa6 Nb7 19.Be3 Ng4 20.Nge2 Nxe3 21.fxe3 Nc5 22.Qc4 19. 1...e6,D-1...f5,3]
[7.d5 Nb4 8.0-0-0 Bg7 9.Qg3 0-0 10.a3 a5 11.axb4 axb4 12.Nb1 Ne4 13.Qxg6 Rf6 14.Qh5 Nxf2 2.Bf4-2.Bf4,e]
[7.Qg3 Rg8 8.d5 Nb4 9.0-0-0 c6 10.dxc6 bxc6 11.Bc4 Nbd5 12.Nxd5 cxd5 13.Rxd5 Ne4 14.Qf3 Bg7 2.Bf4-2.Bf4,e]
7...e5 8.dxe5 -0.63/23
[8.Bh2= 0.28/21]
8...dxe5∓ 9.Qg3 -2.20/17 **Ng4!-+ 10.h5** -3.17/21
[10.Nge2 -2.01/20 might work better.]
10...g5 11.Rd1 Bd6 12.Nge2 exf4 13.exf4 Qf6 14.Nd5 Qxb2 15.0-0 Bd7
[15...Qxc2 16.Nec3 Kf8 17.Bb3∓]
16.Qd3 0-0-0 17.Rb1 Qa3 18.Rb3 Qc5 -0.73/19
[18...Qxa2 19.Rxb7 Qa5 20.Rfb1+- *(20.Ba6 Rdf8+-)*]
[18...Qa5-+ -3.54/21 Threatens to win with ...gxf4. 19.Rb5 Qa3 20.Qxa3 Bxa3]
19.Rb5? -4.36/23
[19.Ba6∓ -0.73/19 Rdf8 *(19...bxa6 20.Qxa6#; 19...Na5 20.Rc3±)* 20.Rxb7]
19...Qa3 20.Rb3 Qc5 -0.28/17
[20...Qxa2? 21.Rxb7 Qa5 22.Ba6+-]
[20...Qa5-+ -2.86/22 aiming for ...gxf4. 21.Rfb1 Qc5 *(21...Qxa2? 22.Rxb7+- Discovered Attack)* 22.Rxb7 Qxf2+ 23.Kh1 Qh4+ *(23...Bxf4 24.Rb8+* Deflection *Nxb8 25.Ne7#; 23...gxf4 24.Rxc7+ Bxc7 25.Ba6#)* 24.Qh3 Nf2+ Pin, Double Attack 25.Kh2 Qxh3+ *(25...Nxh3 26.Rxc7+ Bxc7 27.Ba6#)* 26.gxh3 Be6]
21.Rb5? -4.30/24
[21.Ba6!= -0.28/17 Rde8 *(21...bxa6 22.Qxa6#; 21...Na5 22.Rc3±)* 22.Bxb7+ Kd8 23.Bxc6 Qxc6 24.Rb8+ Bc8 25.Nec3]

(Diagram)

21...Nce5! 22.Rxc5 Nxd3 23.Ra5 Nxf4 24.Nexf4 gxf4 25.Rb1 Kb8 26.Ba6 b6 27.c4 Ka8 Hoping for ...Bc6! **28.c5**





Be5? -0.50/20

[And not 28...bxa5 29.cxd6 Rc8 30.Bb7+ Kb8 31.Bc6#]

[Worse is 28...bxc5 29.Bb7+ Kb8 30.Nf6 Nxf6 31.Bd5+ *(31.Bc6+ Kc8=)* 31...Kc8 *(31...Bb5 32.Raxb5+ Kc8 33.Be6+ Nd7 34.Rb8#)* 32.Bb7+ Kb8 33.Bd5+ *(33.Bc6+ Kc8=)* 33...Kc8 *(33...Bb5 34.Raxb5+ Kc8 35.Be6+ Nd7 36.Rb8#)* 34.Bb7+ Kb8=]

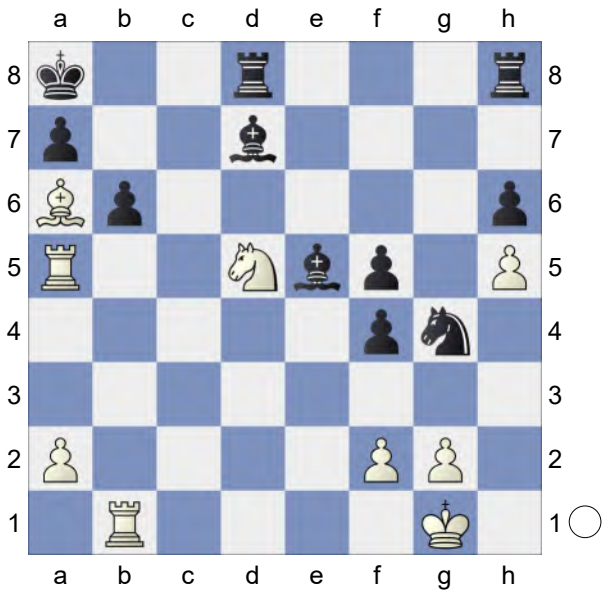
[28...Bxc5 29.Nxc7+ Kb8 30.Rxc5∓]

[28...Bc6!-+ -3.05/25 29.cxd6 Rxd6 *(29...bxa5 30.Nxc7#)* 30.Nxc7+ Kb8]

29.cxb6∓ cxb6 3.99/21

[29...axb6? too greedy. 30.Nxb6+ cxb6 31.Rxb6+-]

[29...Bc6!= -0.18/25 and Black stays safe. 30.Bc4 Bd4 31.Nxc7+ Kb8 32.Na6+ Ka8 33.b7+ Bxb7 34.Nc7+ Kb8 35.Na6+ Ka8 36.Nc7+ Kb8 37.Na6+ Ka8]



30.Nxb6+!+- Demolition **30...axb6**
31.Rxb6 Bc3? 6.39/20

[31...Ka7 2.97/24 32.Rb7+ Ka8]

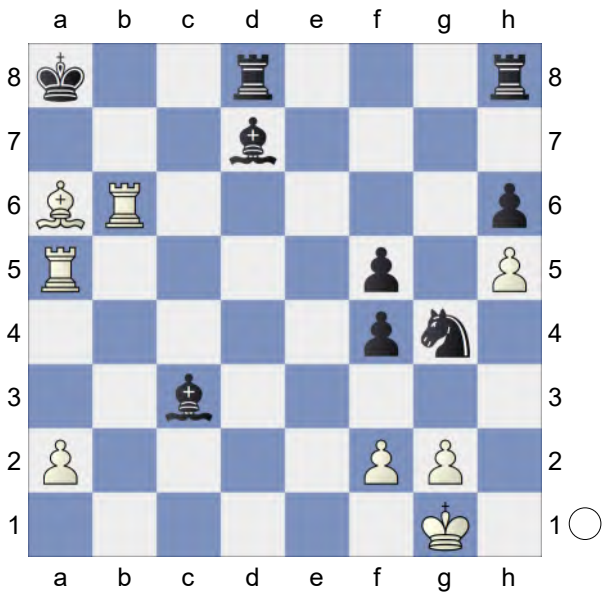
(Diagram)

32.Ra3! Intending Bb5+ and mate. **32...Ka7 33.Rb7+ Ka8** Strongly threatening ...Bb5! **34.Rb6** Threatening mate with Bb5+. **34...Ka7 35.Rb7+ Ka8 36.Rbb3** Bf1+ would kill now. **36...Bd4**
37.Bc4+? -0.25/20

[37.Be2+ #4/18 mates Ba4 38.Rxa4+ Ba7 39.Bf3+ Rd5 40.Bxd5#]

37...Ba7? #2/13

[37...Ba4= -0.25/20 38.Rxa4+ Ba7]



38.Bd5+

Weighted Error Value: White=0.57/ Black=0.87

1-0

D41

□ **Koneru,H.** **2574**

■ **Muzychuk,A.** **2534**

Women Candidates Pool A (1.3)

[Kitty Kat]

D41: Queen's Gambit Declined: Semi-Tarrasch with 5 cxd5

1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.Nc3 c5 5.cxd5 cxd4 6.Qxd4 exd5N

[6...Nxd5 7.e4 Nxc3 8.Qxc3 Nc6

A) 9.a3 Bd7 10.Be2 Rc8 11.0-0 Na5 12.Qd3 Ba4 13.Qxd8+ Rxd8 14.Be3 Nb3 15.Bd1 b5 *(15...a6 16.Bxb3 Bxb3 17.Rac1 Bd6 18.Bb6 Ra8 19.Nd4 Ba4 20.Rc4 Bd7 21.Rd1 0-0 22.e5 Bb5 23.Nxb5 axb5 24.Re4 Be7 25.Rd7 Rfc8 26.g3 Bf8 27.Rxb7* Queen'S Gambit-5.cd5 cd4 6. ♕d4 ♘d5 Survey 2021 *)* 16.Bxb3 Bxb3 17.Rfc1 e5 18.Nxe5 a6 19.Nc6 1-0 Anand,V (2753)-Nepomniachtchi,I (2784) Nations Cup Online Prelim 2020 (5.1);

B) 9.Bb5 Bd7 10.0-0 Qb6 11.a4 Qc5 12.Qd3 *(12.Bd2 Qxc3 13.Bxc3 a6 14.Bc4 Rg8 15.Rfd1 Bb4 16.Bxb4 Nxb4 17.Ne5 Bc6 18.Bb3 Ke7 19.f3 Rgd8 20.Kf2 Be8 21.Ke2 f6 22.Nc4 b5 23.Ne3 Nc6 24.Rxd8 Rxd8 25.Bd1 Nd4+ 26.Ke1 Rc8* ½-½ (61) Kamsky,G (2695)-Topalov,V (2640) Linares 12th 1994 (6)*)* 12...Qd6 13.Qc2 a6 14.Rd1 Qc7 15.Be2 Rc8 16.Be3 Nd4 17.Nxd4 Qxc2 18.Nxc2 Rxc2 19.Rd2 Rxd2 20.Bxd2 Bd6 21.Bc3 ½-½ (41) Berecz,A (2404)-Schueppel,R (2470) Darmogray Memorial Bd02 3rd email 2008]

7.e4 dxe4 8.Qxd8+ Kxd8 9.Ng5

White is slightly better. **9...Be6 10.a3**

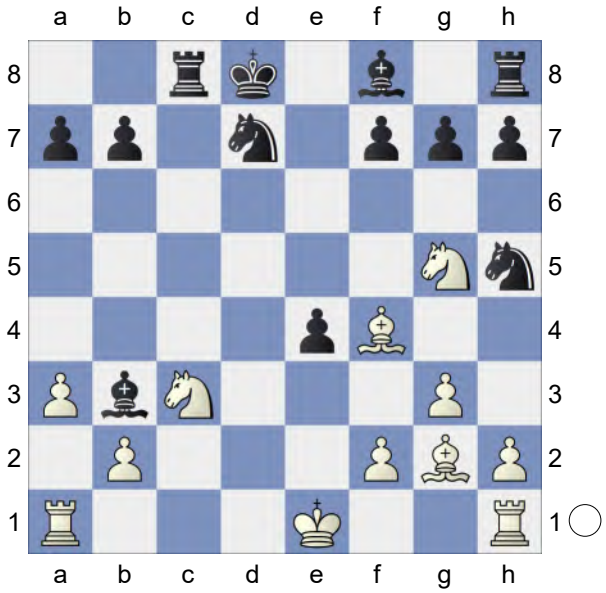
Prevents Bb4. White has compensation.

[10.Ngxe4 Nxe4 11.Nxe4 Bb4+ 12.Nc3 Ke7=]

10...Nbd7 11.Bf4

[11.Ngxe4 simplifies Nxe4 12.Nxe4 h6 13.Bd2]

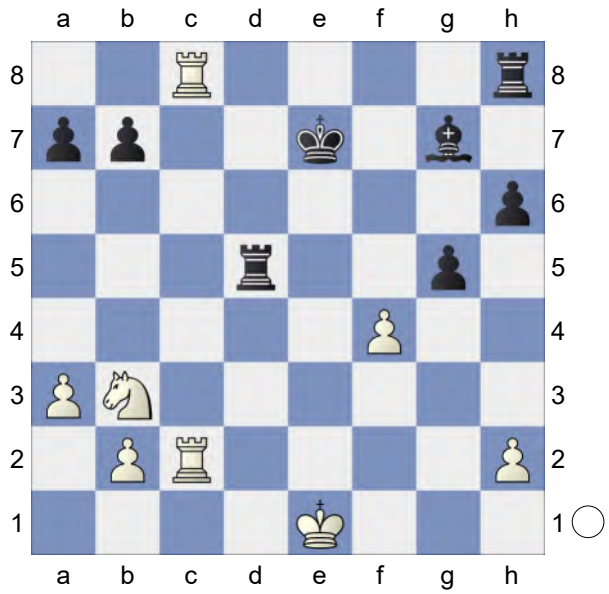
11...Rc8 12.g3 Bb3 13.Bg2 Nh5



Hoping for ...Nxf4. **14.Be3 f5 15.g4! f4 16.Bd4 f3 17.gxh5 fxg2 18.Rg1 Nc5 19.Rxg2** Threatens to win with h6. **19...h6 20.Ngxe4 Nxe4 21.Nxe4 Rc4⇄** Black puts up resistance **22.Nd2 Rxd4 23.Nxb3 Rd5 24.Rc1**

[Not 24.Rd1? Bb4+ 25.Nd2 Re8+ 26.Kf1 Rxd2-+ *(26...Bxd2 27.f3=)*]

24...Rxh5 25.Rc3 Rd5 26.f4 g5 27.Rgc2 The position is equal. **27...Bg7 28.Rc8+ Ke7**



aiming for ...Rxc8. **29.R8c7+ Rd7 30.Rxd7+ Kxd7=** Endgame. KRB-KRN **31.Nc5+ Ke7 32.fxg5 hxg5 33.Nxb7 Be5 34.Na5 Bxh2 35.Nc6+ Kf6 36.Nxa7 Bf4**

[36...g4!?]

37.Nb5 g4

[Resist 37...Rh1+ 38.Ke2∓]

38.Nc3 Rh1+ 39.Ke2 Ke5 40.Kd3 g3 41.Re2+ Kf5 42.Ne4

Weighted Error Value: White=0.03 (flawless) /Black=0.02 (flawless)

½-½

C43

□ **Muzychuk,A. 2534**

■ **Koneru,H. 2574**

Women Candidates Pool A (1.4)

[Kitty Kat]

C43: Petroff Defence: 3 d4

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.d4 Nxe4 4.dxe5

[4.Nxe5 d6 5.Nf3 d5 6.Bd3 Nc6 7.0-0 Be7 8.c4 Nb4 9.Be2 0-0 10.Nc3 Bf5 11.a3 Nxc3 12.bxc3 Nc6 13.Re1 Re8 14.cxd5 Qxd5 15.Bf4 Rac8 16.Bd3 Qd7 17.Rb1 b6 18.d5 Bxd3 ½-½ (30) Zhang,L (2200)-Ni,S (2370) CHN-ch (Women) 2022 (6)]

4...d5 5.Nbd2 Qd7N

[5...Nxd2 6.Bxd2 Be7 7.Be2 0-0 8.0-0 c5 9.Bf4 Nc6 10.Qd2 Be6 11.c3 Qd7 12.h3 Rad8 13.Rfd1 h6 14.Bd3 Bf5 15.Bg3 Bxd3 16.Qxd3 Qe6 17.a3 b6 18.b4 d4 19.cxd4 Nxd4 20.Nxd4 (31) Model Games-Ian Nepomniachtchi Shakhriy Rxd4 21.Qa6 Rxd1+ 22.Rxd1 cxb4 23.axb4 Bxb4 24.Qxa7 Bc5 25.Kh2 h5 26.h4 Rc8 27.Qb7 Qf5 28.Rd2 Re8 29.Qc6 Rc8 30.Qb7 Re8 31.Qc6 ½-½ Nepomniachtchi,I (2751)-Mamedyarov,S (2809) 11th Tal Mem Rapid 2018 (9.5)]

6.Bd3 Nc5 7.Be2 Ne6 8.0-0 The position is equal. **8...Be7 9.Re1 0-0 10.Nf1 c5 11.Ng3 Rd8 12.Nf5** With the idea Qxd5! **12...Nc6 13.b3 a6 14.a4 b6 15.h4** -0.10/20

[⌓15.Bd3 0.26/21]

15...Bf8= 16.Bd2 Bb7 17.h5 Ne7 0.94/24

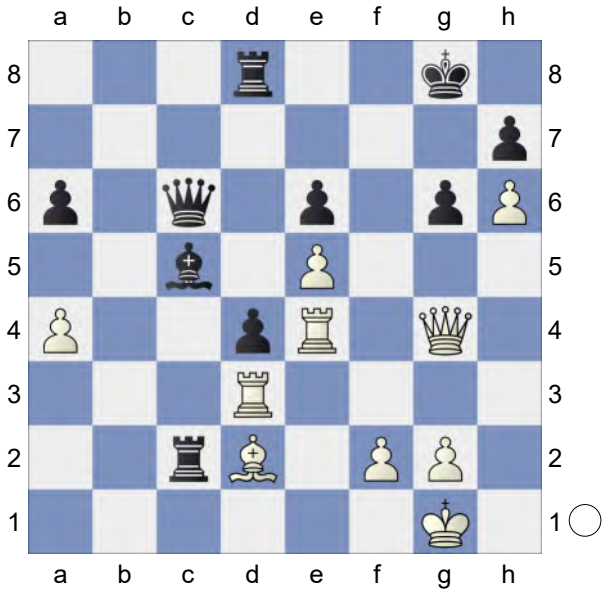
[17...h6= 0.25/21 remains equal.]

18.N3h4 0.58/19

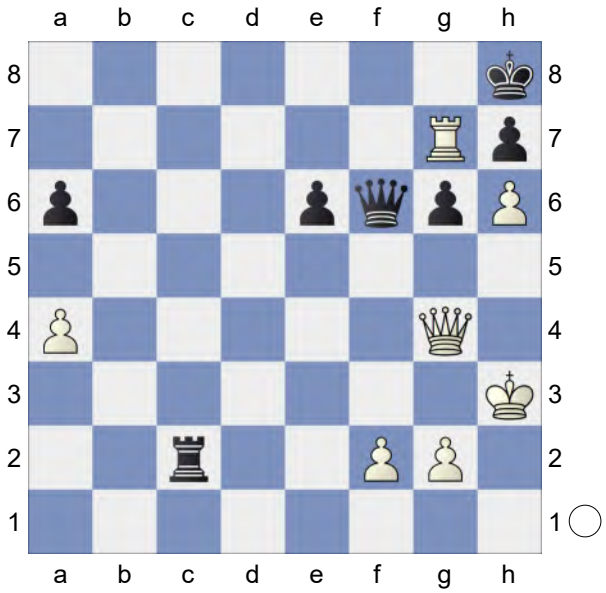
[18.Nd6± 0.94/24]

18...Nxf5± 19.Nxf5 Kh8 20.Bg4 d4

21.h6 g6 22.Ng3 c4 1.29/19 **23.bxc4± Rac8 24.Rb1 Rxc4 25.Rxb6 Bc5 26.Rb3**
[Resist 26.Bxe6?! fxe6 27.Rb3 Rf8±]
26...Be7 27.Ne4 1.57/18
[White should try 27.Bxe6+- 1.99/23 fxe6 28.Qb1]
27...Bxe4 28.Rxe4 Strongly threatening Qf3. **28...Qc6 29.Qf3** 1.03/21
[⌓29.Bxe6 1.44/21 Qxe6 30.Ba5]
29...Kg8 30.Bxe6 fxe6 2.13/24
[30...Qxe6± 0.88/22 31.Qh3 Qxh3 32.gxh3 Rxc2]
31.Qg4 And now Bg5 would win.
31...Rxc2 32.Rd3 Bc5



33.Bg5 0.60/19
[33.Rf4!+- 2.04/22]
33...Rf8± 34.Bf6 0.04/21
[34.Rf4± 0.62/22 Rxf4 35.Qxf4]
34...Qd5? 1.81/28
[34...a5= 0.04/21]
35.Rexd4+- Bxd4 36.Rxd4 Qa2 3.92/19
[36...Qc6± 1.12/24 might work better.]
37.Rd7 Rxf6 38.exf6 Endgame. White threatens f7+ and mate. KQR-KQR
38...Qa1+ 39.Kh2 Qe5+ 40.Kh3? 0.07/22
[White must play 40.f4+- 2.94/28 Qxf6 41.Rg7+ Kh8 42.Ra7]
40...Qxf6 4.41/25
[40...Rxf2= 0.07/22 and Black is okay. 41.Qd4 Qxd4 42.Rxd4 g5]
41.Rg7+ Kh8



42.Ra7! Rc8 Prevents Ra8. **43.Qe4 Qg5 44.Qd4+**
[Not 44.Qxe6 Qxh6+ 45.Kg3 Qg5+ 46.Kh3 Qh5+ 47.Kg3 Qg5+ 48.Kf3 Qh5+ 49.Kf4 Rf8+ 50.Kg3 Qg5+ 51.Kh3 Qf5+ 52.Qxf5 Rxf5±]
44...e5 45.Qh4 Qf5+ 46.Qg4 Qf8 6.07/22
[⌓46...Qd3+ 4.05/24 47.Kh2 Rf8]
47.Qg5 Active counter play!
[Inferior is 47.Rxa6 Qxh6+ 48.Kg3 Rf8=]
47...Re8 48.Rxa6 Kg8 49.Rf6 Qe7 50.a5 Qd7+ 51.Kh2 e4 52.a6 Qc7+ 53.g3 e3 54.Qd5+ White mates.
54...Kh8 55.Qd4 Kg8 56.Qd5+ Kh8 57.Rf7 Qc3 58.Qd7
Weighted Error Value: White=0.22 (precise) /Black=0.65
1-0

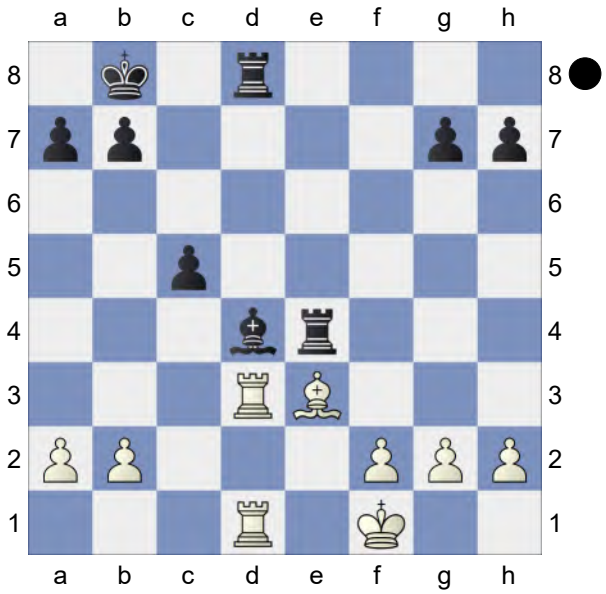
C04

□ **Muzychuk,A.** **2598**
■ **Mammadova,G.** **2345**
Women's World Rapid Championship 20..
[Kitty Kat]

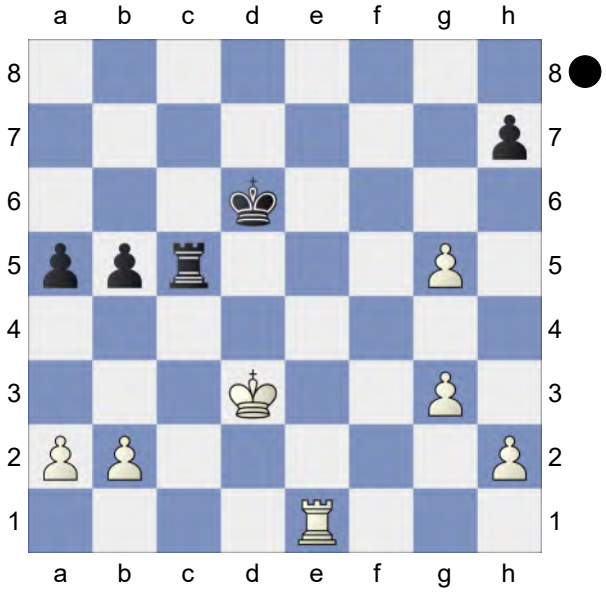
C04: French Tarrasch: 3...Nc6
1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 Nc6 4.c3 e5 5.exd5 Qxd5 6.Ngf3 exd4 7.Bc4 Qh5 8.0-0 Nf6 9.cxd4 Be6 10.Bxe6 fxe6 11.Qb3 0-0-0 12.Qxe6+ Kb8 13.Ne4 Nxe4
[13...Bd6 14.Nxd6 Rxd6 15.Qe2 Re8 16.Qd3 Re4 17.Be3 Rg4 18.g3 Nd5 19.Rae1 b6 20.a3 Kb7 21.b4 a6 22.Bc1 Rf6 23.Kg2 Rd6 24.h3 Rgg6 25.Kh2 Rgf6 26.Ne5 Nde7 27.Nxc6 Nxc6 28.Qe4 0-1 (58) 15. ♘c4 0-0 16. ♕e5 ♖ab8 (2724)-Dorn,M (2496) La (ol) 2/333 1966 (1.2)]
14.Qxe4 White is slightly better.
14...Bd6N
[14...Re8 15.Qd3 Bd6 16.Bd2 C 04/10-N,N 2000]
15.Be3 Rhe8 16.Qh4 Qxh4 17.Nxh4 Re4 0.60/24
[17...Nb4= 0.15/26]
18.Nf3± Be7 19.Rfd1 Bf6! 20.Rd3 Nxd4 21.Nxd4 Bxd4 22.Rad1 c5 23.Kf1

(Diagram)

f3 would now be deadly. **23...Kc7! 24.Bxd4 Rexd4 25.Rxd4 cxd4=** 1.00/25 Endgame. KR-KR
[25...Rxd4= 0.21/26 keeps the balance. 26.Rxd4 cxd4]
26.Ke2± Kc6 1.53/22
[⌓26...b5 0.96/24]
27.Rc1+ Kd7 2.05/25
[27...Kd6± 1.26/22]
28.Kd3 Rf8 29.f3



[29.Kxd4? Rxf2 30.Rc3 Rxg2∓ *(30...Rxb2 31.Rg3∓)*]
29...b5 2.26/25
[29...Re8 1.74/22 is a better defense. 30.Kd2 *(30.Kxd4 Re2∓)* 30...Re5]
30.Kxd4 Kd6 31.Re1 Rc8 32.Kd3 Wards off Rc2 **32...a5 33.f4 Rc5** Dodges Re5 **34.g3 g5** 2.38/28
[34...Rd5+± 1.44/22 35.Kc3 Rc5+ 36.Kd3 g5]
35.fxg5



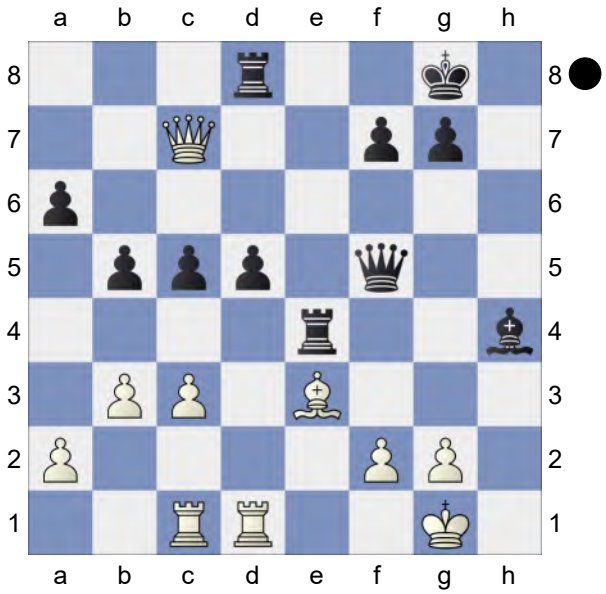
And now h4 would win. **35...Rxg5 36.Re4 h5** 2.38/23

[36...Rh5 1.63/23 was necessary.]
37.Rf4 Kc5? 4.46/27 Black cannot hold the game after this.
[37...Kc6± 1.53/24 was worth a try. 38.Kd4 Rd5+ 39.Ke3 Re5+ 40.Kd2 Rd5+ 41.Kc1 Rc5+ 42.Kd2 Rd5+ 43.Kc2 Re5]
38.Ke4+- White is clearly winning.
38...Kc4 39.Rf5 Rg4+ 40.Ke3 Rg8 41.Rxh5 Re8+ 42.Kd2 Rd8+ 43.Kc2 Re8 44.Rh4+ Kc5 45.Kd2 Against Re2+ **45...Rd8+ 46.Ke3 Rd1 47.Rh5+ Kc4 48.Rh4+ Kc5 49.Rf4 Re1+ 50.Kd3 Rg1 51.Rf2 Kd5 52.Ke3 a4 53.Kf4 b4 54.h4 Rh1 55.Kf3 Kc4 56.Kg2 Rd1 57.h5 Rd5 58.g4 Kd3 59.Kg3 a3 60.bxa3**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.16 (very precise) /Black=0.33
1-0

C80

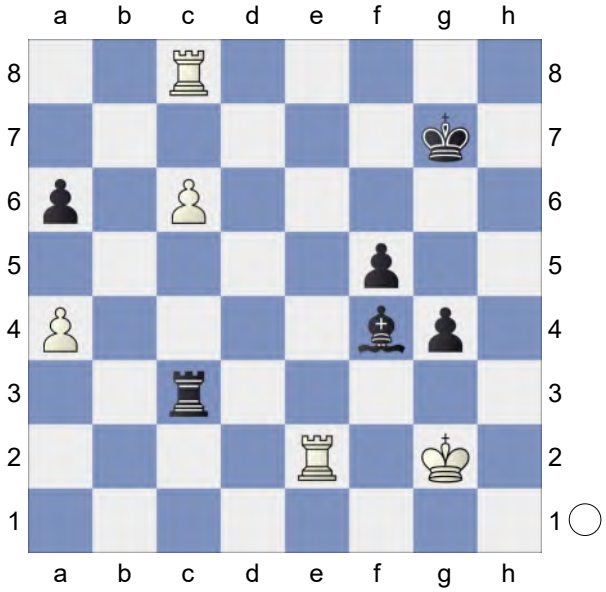
□ **Kamalidenova,Meruert** **2351**
■ **Muzychuk,A.** **2531**
World Blitz Women 2021 (15.9) 30.12.21
[Kitty Kat]

C83: Open Ruy Lopez: 9 c3 Be7
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Nxe4 6.d4 b5 7.Bb3 d5 8.dxe5 Be6 9.Be3 Be7 10.c3 Qd7 11.Nbd2 Nxd2 12.Qxd2 Na5 13.Rfd1 White is slightly better.
[13.Nd4 Nc4 14.Bxc4 dxc4 15.f4 Bf5 16.Nxf5 Qxf5 17.Qd5 0-0 18.Qc6 Rfd8 19.Rad1 Bf8 20.Qxc7 Rd3 21.Rxd3 cxd3 22.Qb7 Rd8 23.Bd2 h5 24.Qf3 a5 25.Re1 a4 26.e6 Bd6 27.exf7+ Qxf7 ö-ö (52) 9.00 ♘bd7 10.b3_67550 (2662)-Vasquez Bonifacio,L (2703) Grand Slam Final 6th 2013 (6)]
13...Rd8 14.Qe2N
[14.Nd4 0-0 15.Nxe6 fxe6 9.Be3-9.Be3 #2]
14...0-0 15.Bc2 Nc4 16.Bc1 Bg4 17.b3 Bxf3 Remove Defender **18.Qxf3** -0.65/20
[18.gxf3± 0.56/25 Na3 19.Bd3]
18...Nxe5∓ 19.Bxh7+ Decoy **19...Kxh7 20.Qh5+ Kg8 21.Qxe5 Bf6 22.Qg3 c5** -0.24/23
[22...Qf5!∓ -0.75/22 Hoping for ...d4. 23.Ba3 Rfe8]
23.h4 Qf5 24.Bf4 -1.64/21
[24.Bg5∓ -0.42/22]
24...Rfe8 -0.70/21
[Better is 24...b4-+ -1.64/21 25.Bd2 c4]
25.Rac1 Re4 26.Be3 -1.39/22
[26.Bg5∓ -0.62/21]
26...Bxh4 -0.66/22 Black is more active.
[26...Rxh4∓ -1.39/22 27.Qf3 Qxf3 28.gxf3 c4]
27.Qc7? -4.36/21
[27.Qf3∓ -0.66/22 Qh7 28.Bxc5]



27...Rxe3!-+ 28.fxe3 Bf2+ 29.Kh1 Re8 (-> ...Re6) **30.Qf4 Qh5+** -1.76/22
[⌓30...Qh7+! -3.63/23 31.Qh2 Qe4

(31...Rxe3 32.Rxd5 Qxh2+ 33.Kxh2±; 31...Bxe3 32.Qxh7+ Kxh7 33.Rc2∓)]
31.Qh2 Re5 -0.03/26
[31...Qf5!-+ -1.68/21 32.Qh3 Qxh3+ Remove Defender 33.gxh3 Bxe3 *(33...Rxe3 34.Rxd5 Bh4 35.Rxc5±)*]
32.g4!⇄ White is not holding back. White is weak on the dark squares **32...Qxh2+ 33.Kxh2 Bxe3** Endgame. KRR-KRB
[33...Rxe3 34.Kg2 *(34.Rxd5 Bg3+ 35.Kg2 Bf4±)* 34...Bh4 35.Rxd5+-]
34.Rc2 Bf4+ 35.Kg2 Kf3 is the strong threat. **35...g5 36.Kf2 Kf8?** 2.79/22
[36...d4= 0.25/23]
37.Re2+- Black must now prevent Rxe5. **37...Re6 38.Rxd5 Rf6 39.Kg2 c4 40.bxc4 bxc4 41.Rc5 Rd6 42.Rxc4 Rd3 43.Rc8+ Kg7 44.c4 Rg3+ 45.Kf2 Rxg4 46.c5** Strongly threatening c6. **46...Rg3 47.c6?** 0.09/20
[47.Rc2!+- 1.75/20]
47...Rc3= 48.a4 g4 49.Kg2 f5 1.88/20
[49...g3= 0.00/22 and Black is okay.]



Against Re4 **50.c7?** 0.06/29 **Kf7**
51.Ra8 Bxc7 Threatens to win with ...f4.
52.Rxa6 f4 And now ...f3+ would win.
53.Rd2? -9.74/20
[53.Kf1= -0.26/21]
53...f3+-+ 54.Kf2 g3+ 55.Ke1 Rc1+ 56.Rd1 f2+ What a fight!
Weighted Error Value: White=0.72/ Black=0.40
0-1

B30
□ **Muzychuk,A.** **2530**
■ **Divya,Deshmukh** **2420**
World Blitz Women 2023 (10.7) 30.12.23
[Kitty Kat]

B30: Sicilian: 2...Nc6 3 Bb5, lines without ...g6
Vasiukov,E: 'Inf 20/370' **1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5**
[3.c4 e5 4.Nc3 g6 5.g3 Bg7 6.Bg2 Nge7 7.d3 d6 8.0-0 0-0 9.Be3 f5 10.Qd2 Nd4 11.Ne1 Rb8 12.f4 exf4 13.gxf4 b5 14.Nxb5 Nxb5 15.cxb5 Rxb5 16.Rb1 Bb7 17.b3 Qa8 0-1 (43) Cortes Ventura,J (2081)-Remmelgas,A (2200) Asia-ch Blitz U20 Girls 2023 (8)]
3...e6 4.0-0 Nge7 5.d4N
[5.c3 d5 6.exd5 Nxd5 7.d4 cxd4 8.cxd4 Be7 9.Nc3 0-0 10.Re1 Bd7 11.Nxd5 *(11.a3 Rc8 12.Bd3 Re8 13.Be4 Nxc3 14.bxc3 Bf6 15.Qd3 g6 16.Bh6 Qc7 17.c4 Red8 18.Rad1 Na5 19.c5 Bc6 20.h4 Bxe4 21.Qxe4 Rd5 22.Bf4 Qd8 23.Bd6 Nc4 24.Bg3 Rcxc5 25.dxc5 Rxd1* 1-0 (72) Grischuk,A (2709)-Radjabov,T (2728) World Blitz Rishon Le Zion ISR 2006 (2)) 11...exd5 12.Qb3 Nb4 13.Rxe7 Qxe7 14.Bxd7 Nxa2 15.Bf5 Nxc1 16.Rxc1 g6 17.Bh3 Rad8 18.g3 Rfe8 19.Ne5 Rd6 1-0 (30) 8.♘a3 ♗e7 9.♘c2 ♗g5 10-Siemer,A

ICCF GMN/032 email 2011 20.Rc5 Rb6 21.Qc3 f6 22.Rc7 Qd6 23.Rd7 Qf8 24.Nd3 Rd8 25.Nc5 Qe8 26.Be6+ Kh8 27.Bf7 Qf8 28.Ne6 Rxd7 29.Nxf8 Rxf7 30.Qc8 1-0 Vasiukov,E-Timoscenko,G USSR 20/370 1975]

5...cxd4 6.Nxd4 Ng6 7.Be3 Be7 8.c3 0-0 White is slightly better. **9.Nd2 a6 10.Be2 b5 11.Nxc6 dxc6 12.a4 Bb7 13.c4 b4** 1.04/23

[13...bxc4± 0.65/20 should be considered. 14.Nxc4 Qc7]

14.c5± Qc7 1.51/21

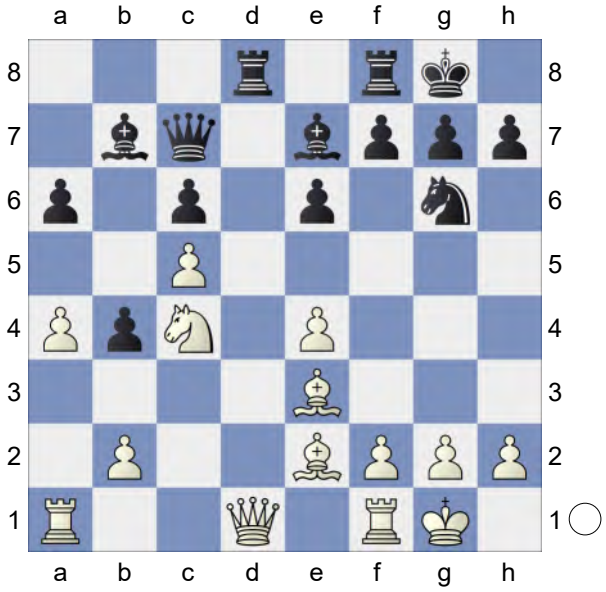
[⌓14...a5 1.12/20]

15.Nc4 0.45/22

[15.a5± 1.51/21]

15...Rad8 0.97/21

[15...a5!± 0.45/22]



16.Qb3 0.40/22

[16.Qc1!± 0.97/21]

16...a5!± 17.g3 Ba6 18.Rfd1 -0.25/20

[18.Rae1± 0.52/23]

18...Qa7 0.11/24

[18...Ne5 -0.25/20 was preferrable.]

19.Rac1= Bxc4

[19...Bxc5!? 20.Bxc5 Rxd1+ *(20...Qxc5 21.Nd6=)* 21.Bxd1 Qxc5±]

20.Qxc4 Ne5 21.Qc2 h6 1.05/24

[21...Rxd1+± 0.61/20 22.Rxd1 Rd8]

22.b3 0.51/22

[22.f4± 1.05/24 Nd7 23.e5]

22...Ng6 23.f4 Qc7 1.44/21

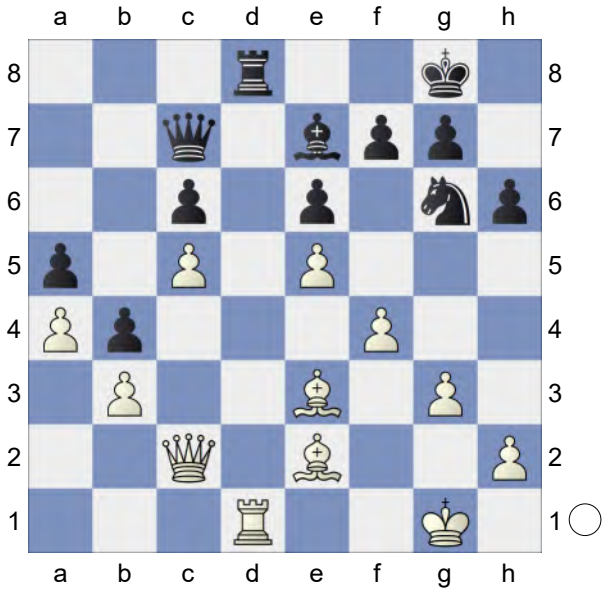
[⌓23...Rxd1+ 0.84/23 24.Rxd1 Rd8]

24.e5± Black must now prevent Rd6!

24...Rxd1+ 25.Rxd1

[Don't play 25.Bxd1?! Rd8±]

25...Rd8



26.Rxd8+ 0.33/21

[White should try 26.Rd6!± 1.41/20]

26...Bxd8± 27.Qd3 Ne7 28.Bf3 Nd5 29.Bxd5 exd5= Endgame. KQB-KQB

30.Bd4 Be7 0.54/27

[30...Qe7= 0.14/23]

31.Qa6 0.00/26

[31.f5± 0.54/27]

31...Kh7 0.89/27

[31...Qd7= 0.00/26 keeps the balance.]

32.Qb6 0.03/23 White is more active.

[32.Kg2± 0.89/27]

32...Bd8 33.Qa6 Prevents Qc8.

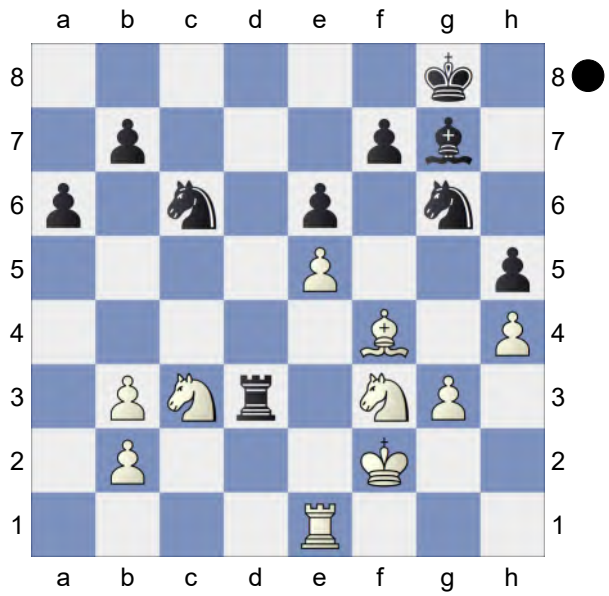
33...Qd7 34.Qd3+ g6! 35.Kg2 Qg4 36.h3 Qe6 37.g4 Qe7 38.Qa6 Qd7

39.Qd3 Qe7 40.Qe3 f5? 3.49/23
[40...Qe6= 0.07/24]
41.Qd3? 0.00/27
[Inferior is 41.exf6 Qxe3 42.Bxe3 Bxf6=]
[Only move: 41.e6+- 3.49/23]
41...Qe6 42.Kg3 h5 43.g5
Weighted Error Value: White=0.34/ Black=0.35
½-½

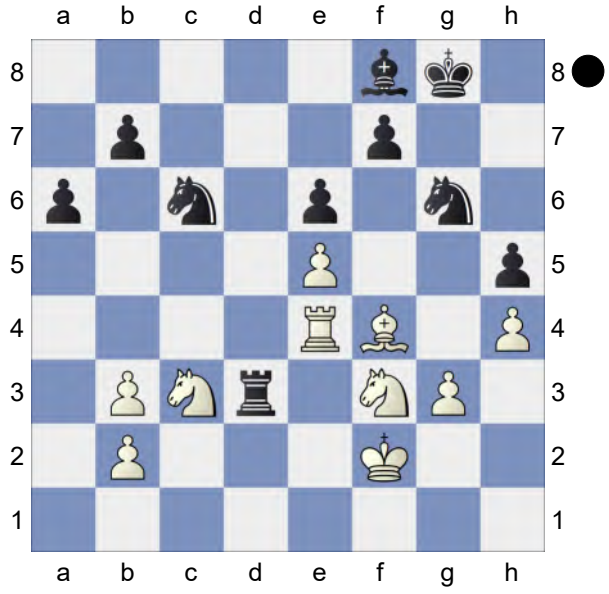
B22
□ **Muzychuk,A.** **2530**
■ **Beydullayeva,Govhar** **2374**
World Blitz Women 2023 (4.35) 29.12.23
[Kitty Kat]

B22: Sicilian: 2 c3
1.e4 c5 2.c3 Nf6 3.e5 Nd5 4.d4 cxd4 5.Nf3 Nc6 6.cxd4 d6 7.Bc4 dxe5 8.dxe5 Nb6
[8...Be6 9.0-0 g6 10.Ng5 Bg7 11.Nxe6 fxe6 12.Bb5 0-0 13.Bxc6 bxc6 14.Nd2 Qc7 15.Nc4 Rad8 16.Qe2 Rf5 17.f4 Rdf8 18.g3 g5 19.Ne3 R5f7 20.Nxd5 exd5 21.Be3 gxf4 22.Bxf4 e6 23.Kg2 0-1 (47) Dean,J (1329)-Sorgo,R (1947) 112/208 Philadelphia 2011 (6)]
9.Qxd8+ Nxd8 10.Bb3 Black is weak on the dark squares **10...Be6** The position is equal.
[10...g6 11.Nc3 Bg7 12.Bg5 Nc6 13.0-0 Bg4 14.e6 Bxe6 15.Bxe6 fxe6 16.Rac1 h6 17.Bh4 Kf7 18.b3 Rac8 19.Ne4 Nb4 20.a4 Rxc1 21.Rxc1 Rc8 22.Rxc8 Nxc8 23.Bg3 Nd3 24.Bc7 Ke8 25.g4 0-1 (40) Delaplace,T (2596)-4.d4 Nf6 5.Bc4 (2758) 40/635 Dortmund 1985 (4)]
11.0-0N
[11.Nc3 Rc8 12.Be3 Nc4 13.Bxc4 Bxc4 14.Bxa7 Nc6 15.Be3 Nb4 16.b3 Ba6 17.Kd2 g5 18.h3 Bg7 19.a3 Rd8+ 20.Kc1 Nd3+ 21.Kc2 Nxe5 22.Nxe5 Bxe5 23.Rhd1 Rxd1 24.Rxd1 f6 25.Bc5 Kf7 0-1 (54) Valensi,B (2394)-Winkler,T (2600) Simpson's Divan 1876 (3)]
11...g6 12.Nc3 Hoping for Nb5.
12...Bg7 13.Nb5 Threatens to win with Nc7+. **13...0-0! 14.Bg5** -0.90/24
[14.Nc7= 0.13/21 Rc8 15.Nxe6 Nxe6 16.Bxe6 fxe6 17.Bd2]
14...Bxb3∓ 15.axb3 Nc6 16.Rfe1 a6 -0.41/22
[16...Rfd8∓ -0.94/20 17.Be3 Nd5 *(17...Nxe5 18.Nc7∓)*]
17.Nc3 -0.94/24
[White should play 17.Nbd4∓ -0.41/22]
17...Rad8 18.Rad1 h6 19.Be3 Nc8 -0.17/21
[19...Nd7!∓ -1.05/24 20.e6 fxe6]
20.Bf4 -0.91/22
[20.Na4= -0.17/21 keeps the balance.]
20...g5 ...Rxd1 would now be deadly.
21.Bg3! Rxd1 22.Nxd1 -1.77/21
[22.Rxd1∓ -0.58/23 Rd8 23.Rxd8+ Nxd8 24.h4]
22...e6 -1.17/24
[22...Rd8-+ -1.77/21 23.h4 g4]
23.Nc3 N8e7!↑ Black is really pushing.
24.h4 -1.99/25
[24.Re4∓ -1.47/22]
24...g4-+ 25.Nh2 h5 26.f3 gxf3 27.Nxf3 Rd8 28.Bf4 -2.32/21
[28.Re4∓ -1.41/20]
28...Ng6 29.g3 -2.22/21
[29.Bg5∓ -1.58/22 was worth a try. Rd3 30.Bf6]
29...Rd3 30.Kf2

(Diagram)



Bf8 -0.82/19
[30...Nd4!-+ -1.98/23 31.Nxd4 Rxd4]
31.Re4 -1.65/22
[31.Ke2∓ -0.82/19 Rd8 32.Ke3]



31...Bc5+ -0.60/21
[31...Nxf4!-+ -1.65/22 32.gxf4 b5]
32.Ke2∓ Rd7 33.Rc4 Ba7 0.59/22
[Better is 33...Be7∓ -0.60/22]
34.Ne4!± Bb8? 5.07/19
[Black should try 34...Nxf4+± 0.40/20 35.gxf4 Nd4+ 36.Nxd4 *(36.Rxd4 Rxd4 37.Nf6+ Kf8=)* 36...Rxd4]
35.Nf6+
Weighted Error Value: White=0.29 (precise) /Black=0.54
1-0

B06
□ **Muzychuk,A.** **2510**
■ **Cori T.,D.** **2367**
FIDE Grand Swiss Women (10.2) 4.11.23
[Kitty Kat]

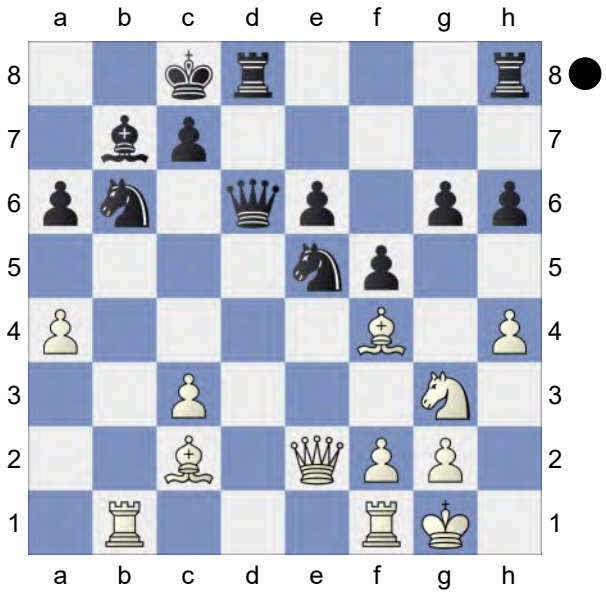
B06: Modern Defence
1.e4
[1.g3]
1...g6 2.d4 Bg7 3.Nc3 d6 4.Be3 a6 5.Nf3 b5 6.h4N
[6.Bd3
A) 6...Bb7 7.Qd2 *(7.0-0 Nd7 8.a4 b4 9.Ne2 c5 10.c3* Chapter4-Game Chapter4 Game 2 *)* 7...Nf6 8.a3 Ng4 9.Bg5 c5 10.d5 h6 11.Bh4 Nd7 12.0-0 0-0 13.h3 Ngf6 14.Rfe1 Rc8 15.Bf1 Re8 16.Bg3 Qb6 17.Kh1 c4 18.Ng1 Nh5 19.Bh2 Nc5 20.f4 e6 21.Nf3 0-1 (34) Clarke,J (1887)-Jouy,J (2165) 1st FIDE GP 2012 (1);
B) 6...Nd7 7.e5 Bb7 8.e6 fxe6 9.Ng5 Nf8 10.0-0 Qd7 11.Re1 Nf6 12.a4 *(12.Bd2 h6 13.Nf3 Rb8 14.Qe2 Kf7 15.a4 b4 16.Nd1 a5 17.Ne3 Bd5 18.c3 g5 19.h3 Bxf3 20.Qxf3 h5 21.Qe2 Bh6 22.Nc4 bxc3 23.bxc3 g4 24.Bxh6 Rxh6 25.Qd2 Kg7 26.h4 N6h7* 1-0 (35) Louvrier St Mary,J (2677)-Eikrem,A (2338) Czechoslovakia 1992 (9.19)*)* 12...b4 13.Na2 Qxa4 14.Qe2 h6 15.Nf3 Kf7 16.Bd2 b3 17.Nc3 Qd7 18.cxb3 Rb8 19.Ra3 Nd5

20.Ne4 Kg8 (51) Chapter Games-Games Chapter Games 17-18]
[6.h3 Bb7 7.Qd2 Nd7 8.0-0-0 e6 9.Bd3 Nb6 10.Ne2 h6 11.Kb1 Ne7 12.Ng3 Qc8 13.h4 c5 14.c3 c4 15.Bc2 d5 16.e5 a5 17.h5 g5 18.Nxg5 hxg5 19.Bxg5 b4 20.h6 Bf8 1-0 (64) Pedersen,P (2694)-4.d4 ♘f6 5.♗c4 (2727) Dortmund 1994 (2.25)]

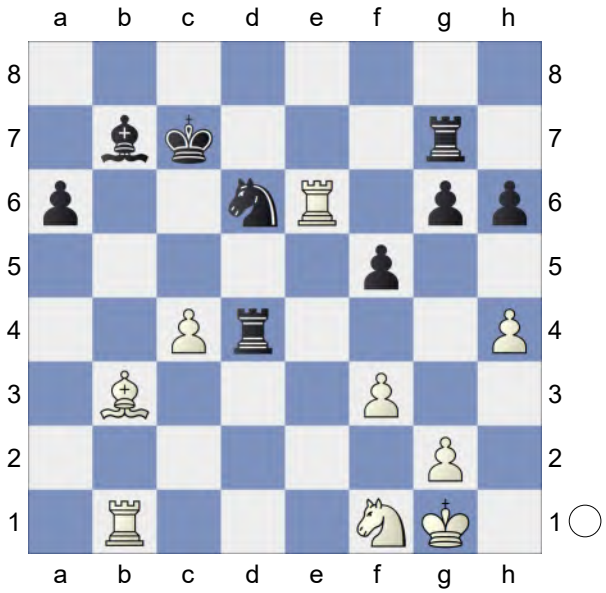
6...h6 **7.e5** Inhibits Nf6. **7...e6** **8.a4** White is slightly better. **8...b4** **9.Ne4** **Bb7** **10.Bd3** **Ne7** **11.Qe2** White is much more active. **11...Nd5** 1.09/18
[11...Nbc6± 0.66/19]
12.Rd1 0.22/20
[White should try 12.Bd2± 1.09/18]
12...Qe7= **13.c4** -0.27/22
[⌓13.0-0 0.28/21]
13...bxc3 **14.bxc3** **Nd7** **15.Bd2** **dxe5** **16.Nxe5** -0.33/23
[16.Rb1= 0.22/25 Bc6 17.dxe5]
16...Bxe5 0.13/24
[16...Nxe5∓ -0.33/23 should be considered. 17.dxe5 Bxe5]
17.dxe5
[17.Rb1!?]
17...Nxe5 **18.Bc2** c4 is the strong threat. **18...0-0-0** **19.Rb1** **f5** **20.Ng3** **Qd6** Threatens to win with ...Nb6. **21.0-0** **Nb6** Excellent horsemanship. **22.Bf4**

(Diagram)

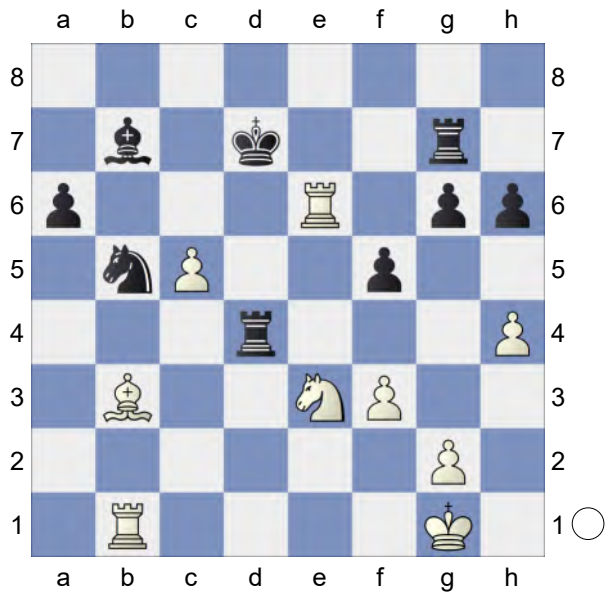
Qd5 **23.f3** **Nec4** **24.a5!** **e5** **25.Bxe5** **Rhe8**
[25...Nxe5 26.axb6 h5 27.Qf2±]
26.axb6 **Rxe5**
[Worse is 26...Nxe5 27.Qf2±]
27.Qf2 **Qc5** **28.bxc7** **Rd2** Pin **29.Qxc5** **Rxc5** **30.Bb3** **Nd6** 0.34/21
[Reject 30...Rxc7?! 31.Rfe1±]
[30...Ne3= -0.16/21 31.Rf2 Rd6]



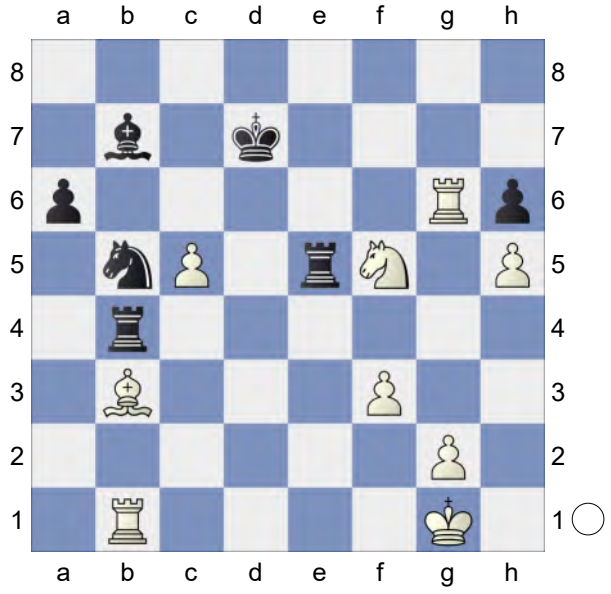
31.Rfe1± aiming for Re6. **31...Rxc7** **32.Re6** And now Nf1 would win. **32...Rg7!** **33.c4↑** White is pushing. **33...Kc7** **34.Nf1** **Rd4** 1.26/17
[Black should play 34...Rd3!± 0.44/22]



35.Ne3!± Black must now prevent h5! **35...Kd7?** 2.79/19 Black cannot hold the game after this.
[35...h5± 1.17/22 was worth a try. 36.c5 Nb5]
36.c5+- **Nb5**
(Diagram)



37.h5! Rb4 6.30/19
[⌓37...Rd3 4.18/19]
[37...Nc3 38.Rxg6]
38.Rxg6 White is clearly winning.
38...Re7 39.Nxf5 Re5

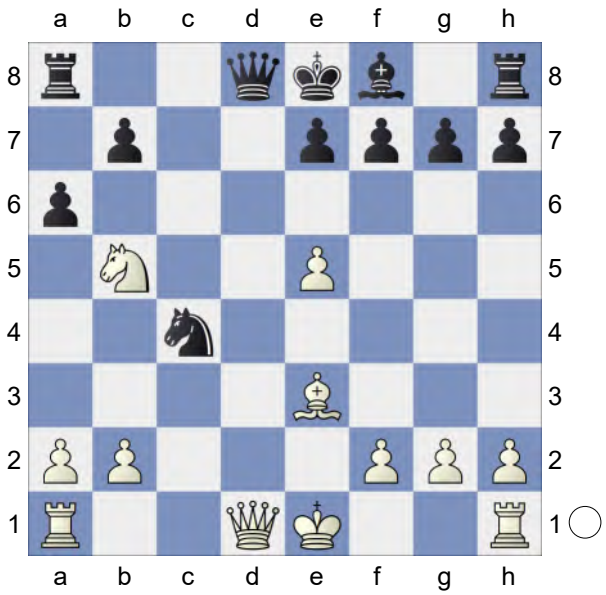


40.Be6+! Discovered Attack **40...Rxe6**
41.Rxb4 Re1+ 42.Kf2
Weighted Error Value: White=0.11 (very precise) /Black=0.26 (precise)
1-0

B22
□ **Muzychuk,A.** **2530**
■ **Bodnaruk,A.** **2340**
World Blitz Women 2023 (12.5) 30.12.23
[Kitty Kat]

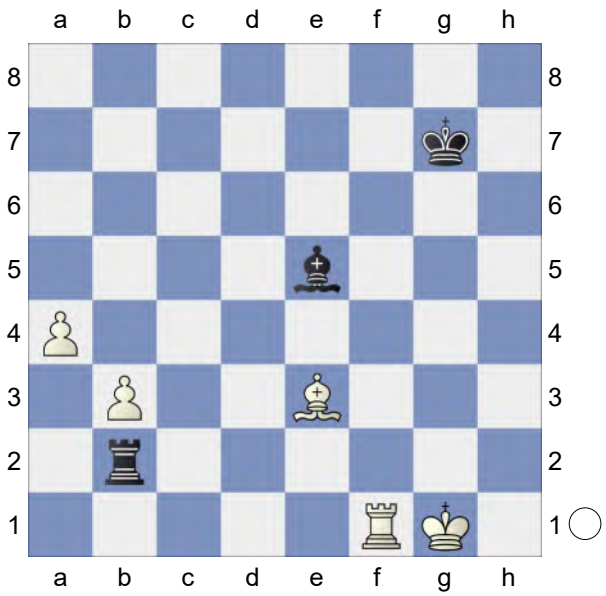
B22: Sicilian: 2 c3
1.e4 c5 2.c3 Nf6 3.e5 Nd5 4.d4 cxd4 5.Nf3 Nc6 6.cxd4 d6 7.Bc4 Nb6 8.Bb5 dxe5 9.Nxe5 Bd7 10.Nc3 Nxe5 11.dxe5 Bxb5 12.Nxb5 a6N 0.46/23
[12...Qxd1+= 0.00/24 13.Kxd1
A) 13...Nd5 14.Bd2 *(14.Ke2 a6 15.Rd1 0-0-0 16.Nd4 e6 17.Bg5 Rd7 18.Rac1+ Kb8 19.Nb3 h6 20.Be3 Be7 21.g3 b6 22.Bd4 Kb7 23.a3 a5 24.Rd3 Rhd8 25.Rcd1 a4 26.Nc1 Rc8 27.Rf3 Bc5 28.Bxc5 Rxc5* 0-1 (57) Golod,V (2535)-Tsesarsky,I (2425) Givataim 30' rapid 1998 (7)*)* 14...e6 15.Rc1 Kd7 16.Nc3 Be7 17.Ke2 Rhc8 18.Rhd1 Nxc3+ 19.Bxc3+ *(19.Rxc3 Rxc3 20.Bxc3+ Ke8 21.Rc1 Rc8 22.Bd2 Rxc1 23.Bxc1 Kd7 24.Kd3 Kc6 25.Ke4 Kb5 26.Bd2 a5 27.b3 a4 28.f4 h5 29.h3 axb3 30.axb3 Bb4 31.Bc1 Be1 32.Ba3 Bf2 33.Kd3 Bc5* ½-½ (68) Frentz,M (2407)-Lopez,J (2581) USSR (ch) 35/492 1983 (4) *)* 19...Ke8 Chess Informant Eco Chess Informant ECO B4 2002;
B) 13...0-0-0+ 14.Ke2 Rd5 15.a4 Rxe5+ 16.Be3 Nd5 17.Rac1+ Kb8 18.Rhd1 e6 19.Kf3 Rf5+ 20.Ke2 Re5 21.Kf3 Rf5+ 22.Ke2 Re5 ½-½ Godena,M (2526)-Smeets,J (2660) EU-ch 12th Aix les Bains 2011 (3)]
13.Be3!± Threatens to win with Qxd8+.

13...Nc4 1.95/21
[13...axb5± 0.49/23 14.Qxd8+ Remove Defender Rxd8 15.Bxb6 Rd5]

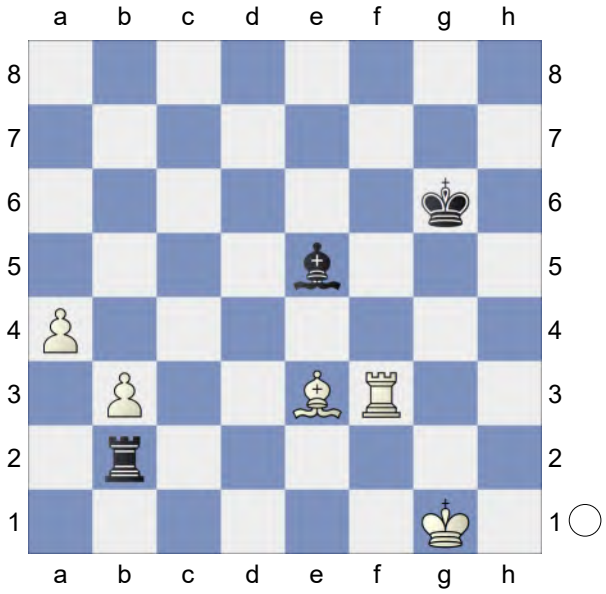


14.Qa4!+- White is clearly better. **14...axb5 15.Qxb5+→** White attacks with force. **15...Qd7 16.Qxc4** And now 0-0 would win. **16...e6** 2.48/22
[⌓16...g6 1.75/19 17.0-0 Bg7]
17.0-0 Rc8 18.Qb3 Qd5 19.Qxd5 exd5 20.Rfd1 Rc2 21.b3 Bb4 22.Rxd5 Ke7 23.a4 Rhc8 24.Rad1 Rb2 25.Rb5 Bc3 26.Rxb7+ Ke6 27.f4
[27.Rd6+ Kxe5 28.Rd1 Rc6+-]
27...f6? 6.51/20
[27...Re2 3.92/19 28.Kf1 Rxe3]
28.Rxg7 aiming for g4. **28...fxe5 29.fxe5**
[Don't do 29.Rxh7 Rxb3 30.fxe5 Bxe5]
29...Bxe5 30.Rxh7 Rcc2 31.Rh6+ Kf7 32.Rf1+ Kg7 33.Rh5 Hoping for Rg5+. **33...Rxg2+ 34.Kh1 Rxh2+ 35.Rxh2 Rxh2+** Endgame. KRB-KRB **36.Kg1 Rb2**

(Diagram)



37.Rf3! Black must now prevent Bb6.
37...Kg6



38.Bc5? 1.06/22
[38.Bb6!+- 2.78/23 and the rest is easy.]
38...Rc2? 3.18/23
[38...Kg5± 1.06/22 39.Kf1 Kg4]
39.b4? 0.17/19
[39.Bb6+- 3.18/23]
39...Bc3? 6.47/21
[39...Ra2= 0.17/19]
40.a5 White is clearly winning. **40...Bd2 41.Ra3 Bf4 42.a6 Bb8 43.a7 Bxa7**

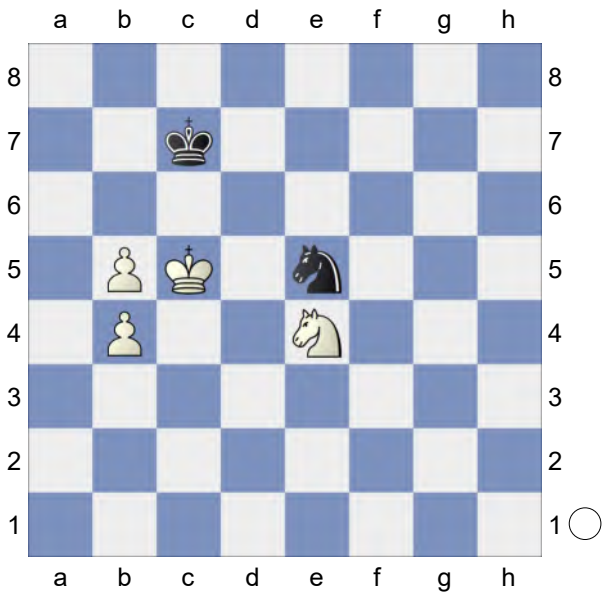
44.Rxa7 KRB-KR **44...Kf5 45.Rf7+ Ke6 46.Rf2 Rc1+ 47.Kg2 Kd5 48.Kf3 Rc3+ 49.Kf4 Kc6 50.Ke4 Rc1 51.Kd3 Kb5 52.Ra2 Rd1+ 53.Ke4** Black got outplayed after the opening.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.40/ Black=0.64
1-0

B22
□ **Muzychuk,A.** **2530**
■ **Garifullina,Leya** **2423**
World Blitz Women 2023 (16.4) 30.12.23
[Kitty Kat]

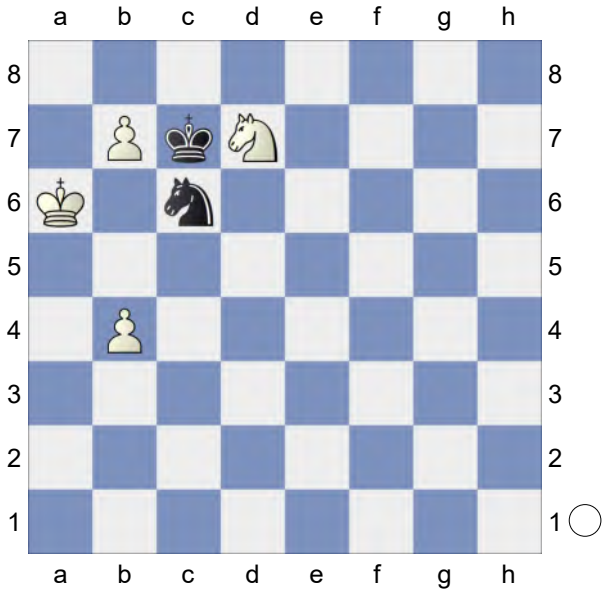
B22: Sicilian: 2 c3
1.e4 c5 2.c3 d5 3.exd5 Qxd5 4.Nf3 Nf6 5.d4 Nc6 6.dxc5 Qxd1+ 7.Kxd1 Bf5 8.Be3 Nd5 9.Nbd2 e5N The position is equal.
[9...0-0-0 10.Bb5 e6 11.Bxc6 bxc6 12.Nd4 Nxe3+ 13.fxe3 Bxc5 14.Ke2 Bg4+ 15.Kf2 e5 16.N4b3 Be7 17.h3 Be6 18.Nf3 f6 19.Rhd1 Kc7 20.Ne1 c5 21.Nf3 c4 22.Nbd2 Bc5 23.Ke2 Rd3 24.Nf1 1-0 (52) Naroditsky,D (2618)-Kramnik,V (2753) Titled Tuesday intern op 30th May Early blitz 2023 (7)]
10.Bc4 Nxe3+ 11.fxe3 Bxc5 12.Ke2 f6 13.h3 0-0-0 14.Nh4 Bd7 15.Ne4 -1.00/25
[15.Rhf1= -0.18/20 remains equal.]
15...Be7!∓ 16.g4 -1.48/26
[⌓16.Rhd1 -0.96/21]
16...g6 Hoping for ...f5. **17.Nf3 f5 18.gxf5 gxf5 19.Ned2 Kb8 20.Rhg1** -1.38/23
[Better is 20.e4 -0.91/20]
20...Be8 ...e4 would now be deadly.
21.e4 Bg6 -0.17/22
[21...Bh5∓ -1.06/22 ...Rxd2+! is the strong threat. 22.Raf1 f4]
22.Bd5= Bc5 23.Rg5 -0.40/23
[23.Rxg6= 0.00/27 hxg6 24.Bxc6]
23...Ne7∓ 24.exf5 Nxd5
[24...Bxf5?! 25.Be4 Rhf8 *(25...Bxh3 26.Rh1=)* 26.Bxf5=]
[24...Nxf5 feels hotter. 25.Be4 Rhf8 26.Nxe5 Ng3+]
25.fxg6 Nf4+ 0.00/25
[Black should play 25...hxg6∓ -0.54/23 26.Rxe5 Rxh3]
26.Kd1= hxg6 27.Kc2 Inhibits e4.
27...Rxh3
[27...Nxh3 28.Rxg6 Nf4 29.Rg7± *(29.Rg5 Be3=)*]
28.Rxe5 Bd6 29.Re4 Rg3 30.Rh1 Rg2 31.Rg1 Rxg1 32.Nxg1 Bc7 33.Ngf3 Rg8 34.Ng5 Bd8 35.Ndf3 Nd5 36.a4 Bxg5 37.Nxg5 Endgame. KRN-KRN **37...Rf8 38.Re6 Rf6 39.Re5 Rf5 40.Rxf5 gxf5** KN-KN **41.Kd3 Kc7 42.Kd4 Ne7 43.b4 a6 44.c4 Nc6+ 45.Kc3 f4 46.Ne6+ Kd6 47.Nxf4 b5 48.cxb5**
[48.axb5 axb5 49.cxb5 Ne5=]
48...axb5 49.axb5 Ne5 50.Kd4 Nd7 51.Nd5 Ne5 52.Nf6 Nf7? 5.97/35
[52...Nf3+= 0.06/26 and Black is okay. 53.Kc4 Nd2+ 54.Kd4 Nf3+ 55.Kd3 Ne5+ 56.Ke4 Nc4]
53.Ne4+? 0.06/23
[White has to play 53.Ne8+!+- 5.97/35 Kd7 54.Ng7]
53...Kc7 54.Kc5 Ne5? 17.04/36
[54...Kb7= 0.09/21 55.b6 Ka6]

(Diagram)

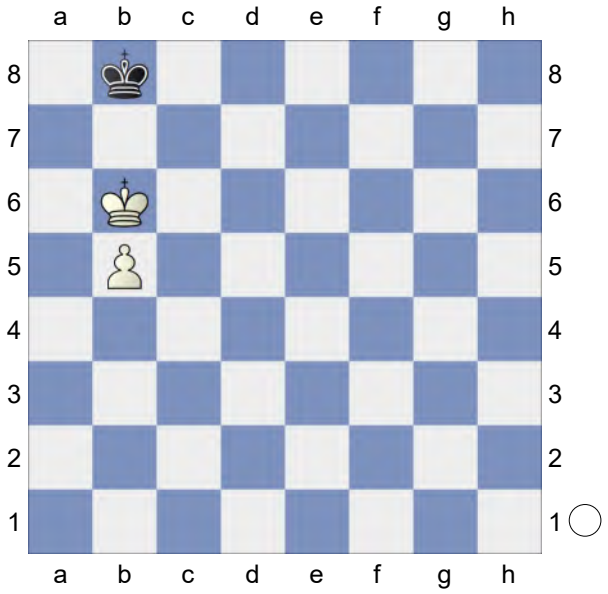
55.b6+!+- Kb8 56.Nd6 Nd7+ 57.Kc6 Ne5+ 58.Kb5 Nd3 59.Kc4 Ne5+ 60.Kd5? 0.00/38
[60.Kc5+- 15.37/24 Nd3+ 61.Kb5]



60...Nd7= 61.Kc6? 13.56/24
[61.b5= 0.00/38]
61...Ne5++- 62.Kb5 Nd3 63.Ka5 Ka8 64.Ne4 aiming for Nc5. **64...Kb8 65.Nc5 Ne5 66.Kb5** 21.71/22
[⌓66.b5 121.45/23 Nc4+ 67.Ka6 Ne3 68.b7 *(68.Nd7+ Kc8 69.b7+ Kxd7 70.b8Q Nf5 71.Qe5 Nd6 72.Qd5 Ke7)* 68...Nc4 69.Nd7+ Kc7 70.b8Q+ *(70.b8R Kxd7 71.Rb7+ Ke6+-)* 70...Kxd7 71.Qf4]
66...Ka8 67.Ka6 White mates. **67...Kb8 68.b7 Nc6 69.Nd7+ Kc7**



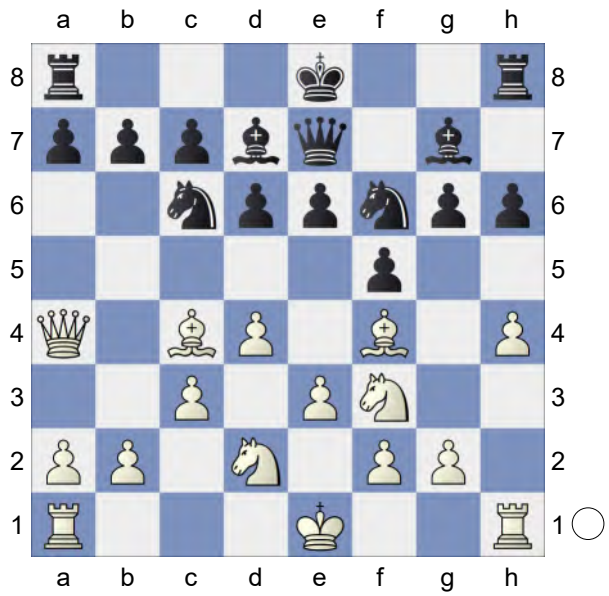
70.b8Q+! Deflection **70...Nxb8+**
[70...Kxd7 71.Qb7+]
71.Nxb8 Kxb8 72.Kb6 Ka8 73.b5 Kb8



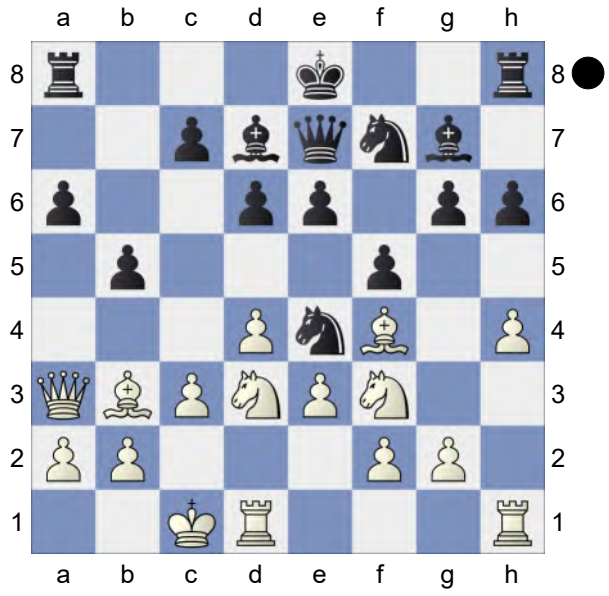
74.Ka6! Ka8 75.b6
Weighted Error Value: White=0.30/ Black=0.23 (precise)
1-0

A80
□ **Demina,J.** **2361**
■ **Muzychuk,A.** **2540**
10th EICC w St Petersburg RUS (11)
[Kitty Kat]

A80: Dutch Defence: Unusual White second moves
1.d4 f5 2.Bg5 h6 3.Bf4 Nf6 4.e3 d6 5.h4 g6 6.Nd2 -0.54/22
[6.Nc3= -0.03/20]
6...Bg7 7.Bc4 e6 8.c3 Black is slightly better. **8...Qe7 9.Ngf3 Nc6 10.Qa4N** -0.75/21
[10.0-0!= -0.24/18 keeps the balance.]
10...Bd7
(Diagram)



White must now prevent ...Nxd4! **11.Qa3 a6 12.Nb3 Nd8 13.Nc1 Nf7** -0.70/20
[13...a5∓ -1.09/19]
14.Nd3 Ne4 15.0-0-0 -2.07/22
[15.Bg3∓ -0.84/21 was called for.]
15...b5 16.Bb3



a5! 17.Nd2 0-0 18.Nxe4 fxe4 19.Ne1 -4.03/20
[⌓19.Ne5 -2.76/20 b4 20.Nxg6]
19...Rfb8-+ 20.Bc2 b4 21.cxb4 axb4 22.Qb3 Bc6 23.d5 Bxd5 24.Rxd5 exd5 25.Qxd5 Qf6 26.Qb3 c5
Black took control after the opening.

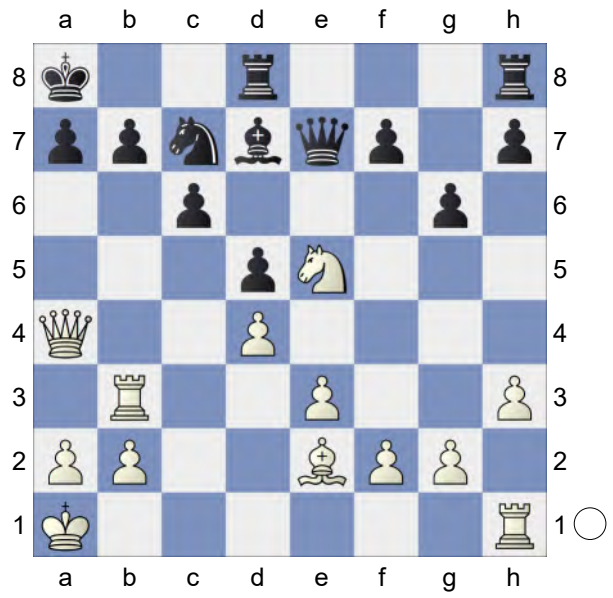
Weighted Error Value: White=0.42/ Black=0.16 (very precise)
0-1

D35
□ **Muzychuk,A.** **2509**
■ **Arabidze,M.** **2446**
UKR-GEO Solidarity 2023 (5.2) 10.06.23
[Kitty Kat]

D36: Queen's Gambit Declined: Exchange Variation: Main line (5 Bg5 c6 6 Qc2)
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 d5 4.cxd5 exd5 5.Bg5 c6 6.e3 Be7 7.Bd3 Nbd7 8.Qc2 Nh5 9.Bxe7 Qxe7 10.0-0-0 Nb6 11.h3 g6 12.Nf3 Be6 13.Kb1 0-0-0 14.Na4 Nxa4 0.70/22
[⌓14...Nf6 0.32/21]
15.Qxa4± Kb8 16.Rc1! aiming for Rc3.
16...Ng7 0.93/23
[16...Nf6± 0.45/23]
17.Ka1N 0.39/25 White is more active.
[17.Rc3± 0.93/23 Bf5 18.Rhc1 Bxd3+ 19.Rxd3 Ne6 20.Ne5 12. Queen's Gambit Exchange V-Queen'S Gambit Exchange Vari]
17...Bf5 18.Be2 Ne8 19.Rc3 Threatens to win with Ra3. **19...Nc7?** 2.13/22
[19...Nd6!± 0.33/23]
20.Ne5+- Bd7 21.Rb3 1.24/23
[21.Ra3+- 1.78/24 a6 22.Rb3]
21...Ka8 2.11/22
[21...Nb5± 1.24/23]

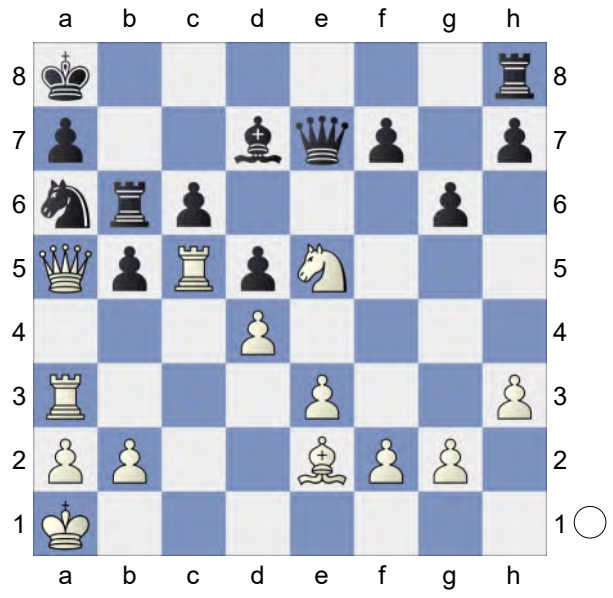
(Diagram)

22.Rc1! Rb8 23.Rc5→ White goes for the king. **23...b5 24.Qa5**
[24.Nxc6? Qxc5 *(24...bxa4?*



25.Rxb8+ Rxb8 26.Nxe7+-) 25.dxc5 bxa4-+]

24...Rb6 25.Ra3 Na6



26.Rxc6!! Rxc6

[26...Bxc6? 27.Qxb6 Nb4 *(27...axb6? 28.Rxa6+ Kb7 29.Ra7+* Skewer, Decoy *Kxa7 30.Nxc6+ Kb7 31.Nxe7+-)* 28.Ra5+- *(28.Nxc6 Nc2+ 29.Kb1 Nxa3+ 30.Kc1 Qd7=)*]

27.Nxc6 Bxc6 28.Qxa6 Qb7 29.Qa5 Rb8 30.Rc3 b4 31.Rc5 b3 6.27/23

[⌓31...Qb6 4.18/20 32.Qxb6 Rxb6]

32.a3

[32.Qa6 Qxa6 33.Bxa6 Rb6±]

32...f5 6.24/22

[⌓32...Qb6 3.93/20 33.Qc3 Bb7]

33.Qc3 Be8 8.17/23

[⌓33...Rc8 5.16/21 34.Bd1 *(34.Bb5 Bd7+-)* 34...Kb8 35.Bxb3 *(35.Qxb3 a6+-)* 35...Rc7]

34.Bf3 Bf7 35.Rc7 Qb5 36.Be2

Black is weak on the dark squares

[36.Rxf7? leads to mate. Qf1+]

36...Qe8 37.Qc5

Weighted Error Value: White=0.22 (precise) /Black=0.77

1-0

B31

□ **Repkova,E.** **2303**

■ **Muzychuk,A.** **2529**

Olympiad Women 2022 (3.2) 31.07.2022

[Kitty Kat]

B31: Sicilian: 2...Nc6 3 Bb5 g6

Vasiukov,E: 'Inf 20/370' **1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5**

[3.c4 e5 4.Nc3 g6 5.g3 Bg7 6.Bg2 Nge7 7.d3 d6 8.0-0 0-0 9.Be3 f5 10.Qd2 Nd4 11.Ne1 Rb8 12.f4 exf4 13.gxf4 b5 14.Nxb5 Nxb5 15.cxb5 Rxb5 16.Rb1 Bb7 17.b3 Qa8 0-1 (43) Cortes Ventura,J (2081)-Remmelgas,A (2200) Asia-ch Blitz U20 Girls 2023 (8)]

3...g6N

[3...e6 4.0-0 Nge7 5.c3 d5 6.exd5 Nxd5 7.d4 cxd4 8.cxd4 Be7 9.Nc3 0-0 10.Re1 Bd7 11.Nxd5 *(11.a3 Rc8 12.Bd3 Re8 13.Be4 Nxc3 14.bxc3 Bf6 15.Qd3 g6 16.Bh6 Qc7 17.c4 Red8 18.Rad1 Na5 19.c5 Bc6 20.h4 Bxe4 21.Qxe4 Rd5 22.Bf4 Qd8 23.Bd6 Nc4 24.Bg3 Rcxc5 25.dxc5 Rxd1* 1-0 (72)

Grischuk,A (2709)-Radjabov,T (2728) World Blitz Rishon Le Zion ISR 2006 (2) *)* 11...exd5 12.Qb3 Nb4 13.Rxe7 Qxe7 14.Bxd7 Nxa2 15.Bf5 Nxc1 16.Rxc1 g6 17.Bh3 Rad8 18.g3 1-0 (30) 8. ♘a3 ♗e7 9. ♘c2 ♗g5 1-Siemer,A ICCF GMN/032 email 2011 Rfe8 19.Ne5 Rd6 20.Rc5 Rb6 21.Qc3 f6 22.Rc7 Qd6 23.Rd7 Qf8 24.Nd3 Rd8 25.Nc5 Qe8 26.Be6+ Kh8 27.Bf7 Qf8 28.Ne6 Rxd7 29.Nxf8 Rxf7 30.Qc8 1-0 8.♘a3 ♗e7 9.♘c2 ♗g5 10-Siemer,A ICCF GMN/032 email 2011]

4.0-0 Bg7 5.Re1 e5 6.c3 Nge7 7.d3 0-0 8.Be3 d6 9.h3 h6 0.08/21

[9...a6∓ -0.31/21 10.Bc4 b5]

10.Qd2 Kh7 The position is equal.

11.d4 exd4 12.cxd4 Qb6 0.77/25

[12...d5= -0.09/23 remains equal. 13.e5 f6]

13.Na3 -0.37/25

[13.Bxc6± 0.77/25 Ba4 is the strong threat. Nxc6 14.Rd1]

13...cxd4 14.Bf4 Be6 15.Bxd6 Rfd8 16.Qf4 Rac8 0.14/20 Prevents Bc7

[16...g5∓ -0.60/21 17.Qg3 Rac8]

17.Rac1 -1.11/21

[17.Bc4= 0.14/20]

(Diagram)

17...d3!∓ Threatens to win with ...g5.

18.b4? -3.03/22 White does not recover from this.

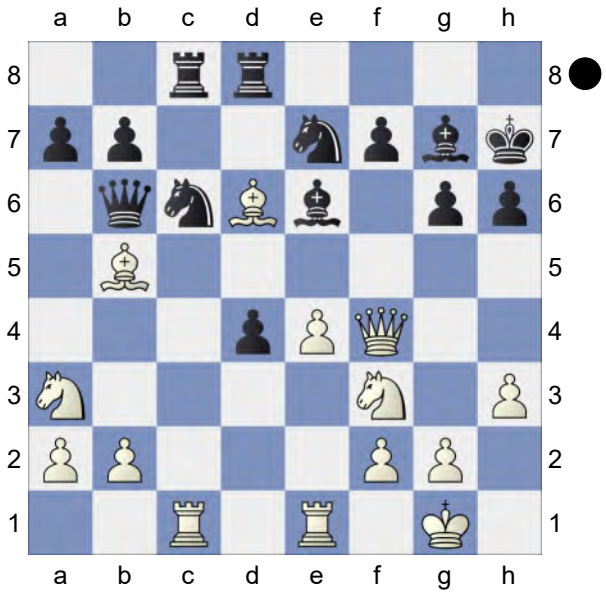
[18.Bc4∓ -1.00/23]

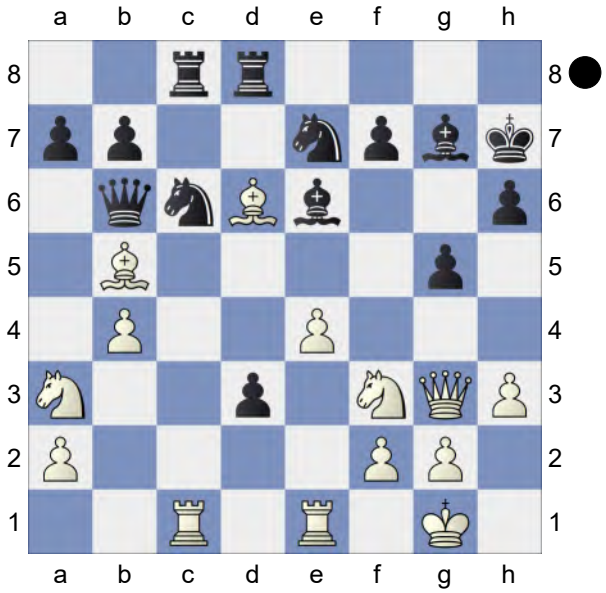
18...g5

[Not 18...Bxa2 19.Rcd1∓]

19.Qg3

(Diagram)





Rxd6 Clearance **20.Qxd6 Rd8 21.Qc5 d2**

[21...Bxa2 22.Rcd1 Qxc5 23.bxc5±]

22.Nxd2 Rxd2 23.Qxb6 axb6 24.Nc4 Rxa2 25.e5 Nxb4 26.Nxb6 Nec6 27.Rc5 Ra5 28.Rd1 Kg8

[Don't do 28...Nxe5 29.Bd3+ Nexd3 *(29...Nbxd3? 30.Rxa5 Nc6 31.Ra8-+)* 30.Rxa5-+]

29.Nd7 Bxd7 30.Rxd7 Bf8

[30...Nxe5? 31.Rxb7 Ra1+ 32.Kh2∓]

[30...Bxe5? 31.g3-+]

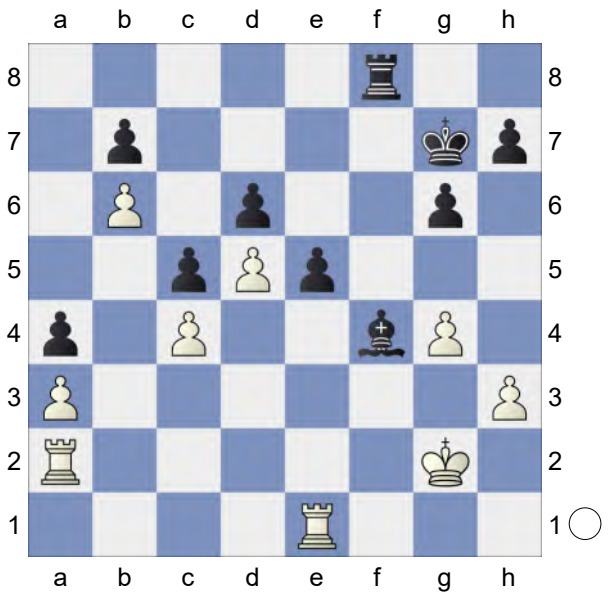
31.Bxc6 Bxc5 32.Bxb7 Ra1+ 33.Kh2 Bxf2 34.Bf3 Ra7 35.Rd6 Be3 36.g3 Ra2+ 37.Kh1 Rd2 38.Rf6 Nd3
Weighted Error Value: White=0.46/ Black=0.18 (very precise)
0-1

A87
□ **Koneru,H.** **2614**
■ **Muzychuk,A.** **2538**
Rostov Women GP (6) 08.08.2011
[Kitty Kat]

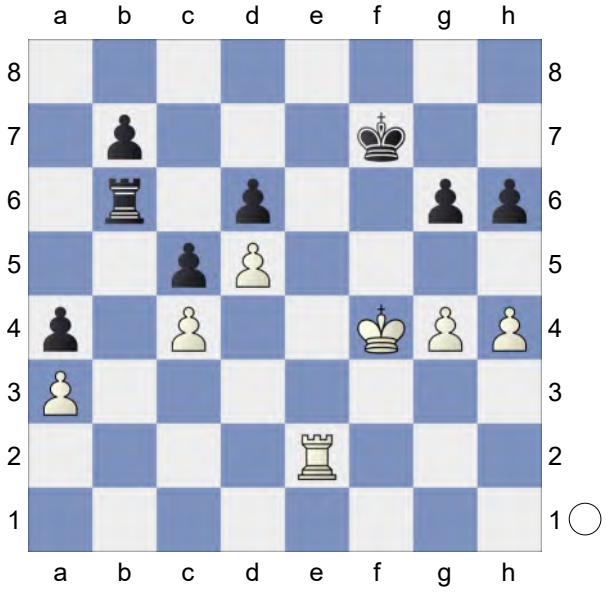
A87: Dutch Defence: Leningrad System: 5 Nf3
1.d4 f5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.g3 g6 4.Bg2 Bg7 5.0-0 d6 6.b3 0-0 7.Bb2 c6 8.Nbd2 a5 9.c4 Na6 10.Qc2 Qc7
[10...Nc7 11.e4 fxe4 12.Nxe4 Nxe4 13.Qxe4 Bf5 14.Qh4 Qd7 15.Rfe1 Rae8 16.h3 h6 17.g4 g5 18.Qg3 Bg6 19.h4 Rf4 20.hxg5 hxg5 21.Nxg5 Rxg4 22.Qe3 Bh6 23.f4 Qf5 24.Nh3 e5 25.dxe5 1-0 (31) Siekaniec,J (2194)-Hidalgo,J (2237) Norway Chess 11th 2023 (6)]
11.a3 Bd7 White is slightly better.
[11...Re8 12.e4 fxe4 13.Nxe4 Bf5 14.Nh4 Bxe4 15.Bxe4 Nxe4 16.Qxe4 e5 17.dxe5 Qb6 18.Qc2 dxe5 19.Bc1 Nc5 20.Rb1 Ne6 21.Be3 Nd4 22.Qe4 Qc5 23.a4 Qb4 24.Kg2 Re7 25.Nf3 Nf5 26.Rfd1 ½-½ (90) Grischuk,A (2760)-Nakamura,H (2729) Moscow Tal Memorial 5th 2010 (9)]
12.Rfe1N
[12.Rac1 Rae8 13.e4 fxe4 14.Nxe4 Nxe4 15.Qxe4 Nc5 16.Qe3 a4 17.b4 Nb3 18.Rc2 Bg4 19.Ng5 e5 20.dxe5 Bxe5 21.Bxe5 Rxe5 22.Ne4 Qe7 23.f3 Bf5 24.Qa7 d5 25.cxd5 cxd5 26.Qxa4 Nd4 0-1 (56) Paljusaj,E (2474)-Carlsson,I (2667) match London 1895 (4.5)]
12...Rae8 13.e4 -0.05/24
[13.c5± 0.78/21]
13...fxe4= 14.Nxe4 Nxe4 15.Qxe4
[15.Rxe4 Bf5 16.Qe2 Bxe4 17.Qxe4 e5-+]
15...Nc5 16.Qe3 a4! 17.b4 Nb3 18.Ra2 Bg4 19.Nd2 e5 20.d5 Nxd2 0.21/18
[⌓20...Qf7! -0.22/25 21.Ne4 *(21.dxc6? loses. Bh6-+ Skewer)* 21...Qd7 *(21...cxd5? 22.Nxd6 d4 23.Bxd4+-* Pin *)*]
21.Qxd2 c5 22.b5 -0.27/23
[22.Bc1± 0.42/21]
22...Qd7 23.Qc2 Ra8 24.Bc1 Bf3 25.Bxf3 Rxf3 26.Kg2 Qf5 0.29/25
[Black should play 26...Rb3∓ -0.69/26]
27.Qxf5 Rxf5 28.f4 Raf8 29.b6 Bh6 30.g4 0.06/27
[30.Rae2± 0.52/26 was preferrable.]
30...Rxf4 0.82/31
[30...R5f7= 0.06/27 31.fxe5 Bxc1 32.Rxc1 Rf4]
31.h3 0.00/31
[31.Bxf4± 0.82/31 Rxf4 32.Rf1]
31...Kg7 32.Bxf4 Bxf4 1.00/23 Endgame.
[32...Rxf4= 0.00/31 keeps the balance. 33.Rae2 *(33.Rc2 Rd4∓)* 33...Rd4 *(33...Rxc4 34.Re4±)*]

(Diagram)

KRR-KRB **33.Rb2** 0.25/25
[33.h4!± 1.00/23]
33...h6 1.00/29
[33...g5!= 0.25/25]
34.h4 Ra8 35.Kf3 Kf7 36.Ke4 White has more active pieces. **36...Ra6**



37.Rf1 Ra8 38.Re2 Ra6 39.Rb2 Ra8 40.Re2 Ra6 41.Rxf4+ 0.00/35
[41.Rb1± 1.00/34]
41...exf4 The position is equal. **42.Kxf4 Rxb6±**

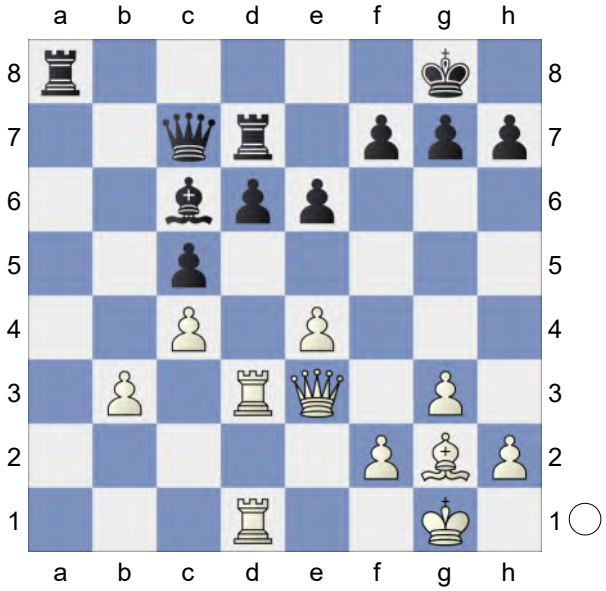


And now ...Rb3 would win. KR-KR
43.Re6 Rb1 ...Rf1+ would now be deadly. **44.Rxd6** Rd7+ is the strong threat. **44...Rf1+ 45.Ke5 Re1+ 46.Kf4 Rf1+ 47.Ke5**
[47.Ke4!? Re1+□ 48.Kf3=]
47...Re1+ 48.Kf4
Weighted Error Value: White=0.22 (precise) /Black=0.20 (precise)
½-½

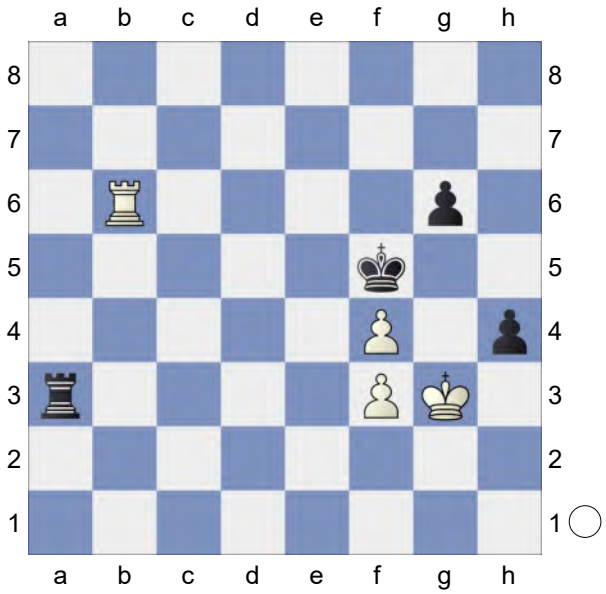
B40
□ **Muzychuk,A.** **2545**
■ **Hou Yifan** **2673**
SportAccord Basque w 2014 rapid (1.2)
[Kitty Kat]

B40: Sicilian: 2...e6, Unusual lines Sveshnikov,E: 'Inf 33/202' Goloshchapov, A: 'Inf 83/(29)' **1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.c4 Nc6 4.Be2 Nge7N**
[4...Nf6 5.Nc3 d5 *(5...a6 6.0-0 Qc7 7.d3 Bd6 8.h3 b6 9.Be3 Bb7 10.Rc1 0-0 11.a3 Rab8 12.b4 cxb4 13.axb4 Bxb4 14.Qb3 a5 15.Nb5 Qd8 16.e5 Ne8 17.d4 d6 18.Rfd1 Qe7 19.Bg5 f6 20.exf6* 0-1 (52) Klich,C (2560)-6. ♗e2 ♗g7 7.00 00 8. ♘b3 (2520) 12/95 Palma de Mallorca 1971*; 5...Qb6 6.0-0 Be7 7.b3 d6 8.Bb2 0-0 9.Qc2 Bd7 10.Rad1 Rac8 11.Qb1 a6 12.Na4 Qc7 13.Nc3 Nd4 14.Qd3 e5 15.Nxd4 exd4 16.Nd5 Nxd5 17.exd5 b5* Klinova,M (2407)-Goloshchapov,A (2550) (open) 83/(29) 2001*)* 6.exd5 exd5 7.d4 cxd4 8.Nxd4 dxc4 9.Nxc6 Qxd1+ 10.Nxd1 *(10.Bxd1 bxc6 11.0-0 Be6 12.Bf3 Nd5 13.Re1 Bb4 14.Bd2 0-0 15.Rad1 Rab8 16.a3 Bxc3 17.bxc3 Rb3 18.Bxd5 cxd5 19.Be3 Rxc3 20.Bxa7 Rc8 21.Ra1 Rb3 22.a4 Ra8 23.Be3 Ra5 24.h3 Bd7* 0-1 (44) Santos,D (1770)-Monteiro,S (1834) Recife JEBS op 2024 (3) *)* 10...bxc6 11.Bxc4 Bb4+ 12.Bd2 Bxd2+ 13.Kxd2 0-0 14.Ne3 Re8 15.Rhe1 Be6 16.Kc2 Ne4 17.f3 Nd6 18.Kc3 Nb5+ 19.Kb4 ½-½ (32) Gavrikov,V-Sveshnikov,E

Yerevan (zt) 33/202 1982]
5.0-0 b6 0.51/23
[5...e5= 0.09/23 deserves consideration.]
6.Nc3 Bb7 0.59/24
[6...Nd4= 0.23/23]
7.d4± Nxd4 8.Nxd4 White is slightly better. **8...cxd4 9.Nb5** 0.00/23
[9.Qxd4± 0.67/27 Nc6 10.Qd3]
9...Nc6= aiming for ...Bc5. **10.Nxd4 Bc5 11.Nxc6 Bxc6 12.Qd3 Qh4 13.Bf3 0-0 14.Be3 Qf6 15.b3 Qe5 16.Bxc5 bxc5 17.Rad1 Rfd8 18.g3 a5 19.Bg2** -0.20/21
[19.a4! 0.24/25 is superior.]
19...Qc7 0.30/22
[Better is 19...a4 -0.20/21]
20.Qe3 d6 21.Rd3 a4 22.Rfd1 axb3 23.axb3 Rd7



24.e5 0.00/30 **Bxg2 25.Kxg2 Rad8 26.Qe4** -0.36/25
[26.exd6= 0.00/30 Rxd6 27.Kf1]
26...d5!∓ 27.cxd5 exd5 28.Qf4
[28.Rxd5? too greedy. Qc6 29.b4 Rxd5-+]
28...h6 29.h4 Qc6 30.Qf3 Qe6 31.Qe3 -0.67/19
[31.Rc3= -0.28/25]
31...c4 0.00/32
[Black should try 31...d4∓ -0.67/19 32.Qe4 Rd5]
32.bxc4= The position is equal.
32...dxc4 33.Rd6 Rxd6 34.exd6 Rxd6 35.Qxe6 Rxe6 Endgame. KR-KR **36.Rd8+ Kh7 37.Rc8** Dodges Rc6 **37...Re4 38.Kf3 f5 39.h5 Rg4 40.Rc5 Rg5 41.Rxc4 Rxh5 42.Rc5 Rg5 43.Kf4 Rg4+ 44.Kf3 Kg6 45.Rc7 Ra4 46.Rb7 Kf6 47.Rc7 h5 48.Rb7 Ra3+ 49.Kg2 Ra2 50.Rc7 g6 51.Rb7 Kg5 52.Rb6 f4 53.gxf4+ Kf5 54.Kg3 Ra3+ 55.f3 h4+**



Deflection **56.Kxh4 Rxf3 57.Rb5+ Kxf4 58.Rb4+ Kf5** (-> ...g5+) **59.Rb5+**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.07 (flawless) /Black=0.07 (flawless)
½-½

B40

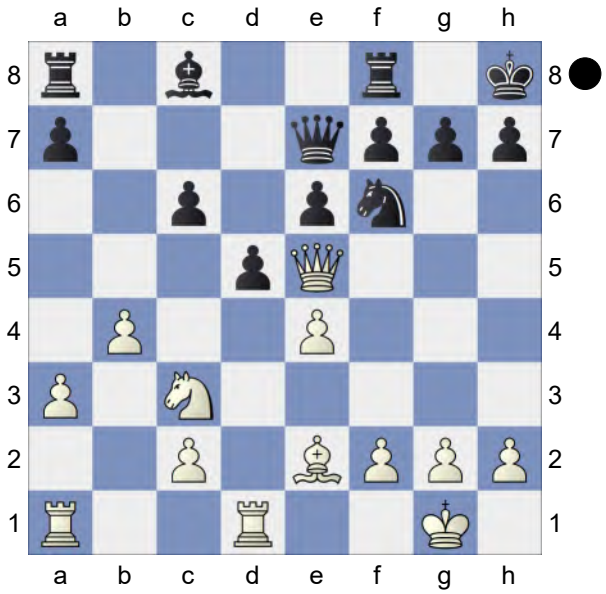
□ **Muzychuk,A.** **2522**
■ **Zhu,Jiner** **2486**
Munich WGP 2023 (5.1) 06.02.2023
[Kitty Kat]

B45: Sicilian Four Knights

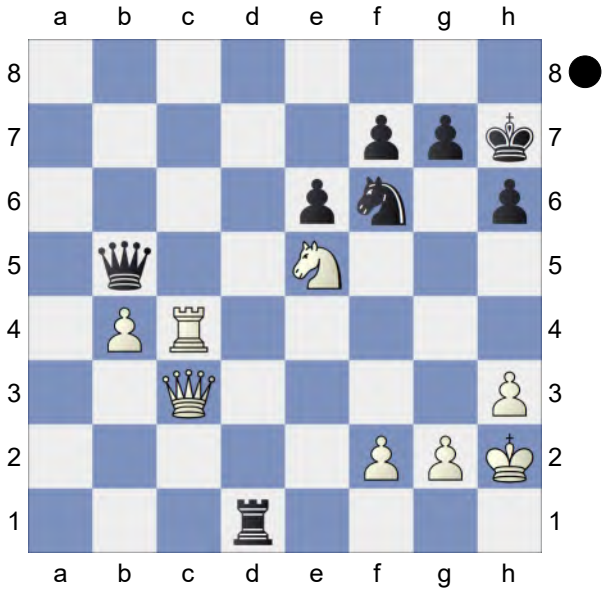
1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4
[4.c3 dxc3 5.Nxc3 Nc6 6.Bc4 a6 7.0-0 Nge7 8.Bg5 h6 9.Be3 Ng6 10.Nd4 Qc7 11.Rc1 Bd6 12.g3 Be7 13.f4 Bc5 14.Re1 0-0 15.a4 Nxd4 16.Bxd4 Qb6 17.Ne2 d6 18.Bxc5 dxc5 0-1 (58) Paidousis,A (2283)-Cruz,C (2217) GER CupT final_84363 2001]
4...Nf6
[4...Nc6 5.g3 Qb6 6.Nb3 Nf6 7.Bg2 Be7 8.0-0 0-0 9.Nc3 a6 10.Be3 Qc7 11.a4 Ne5 12.Bf4 d6 13.a5 Bd7 B 44/01 2001]
5.Nc3N
[5.Bd3 d6 6.0-0 Be7 7.c4 Nbd7 8.Nc3 a6 9.Be3 Qc7 10.Rc1 b6 11.f3 Bb7 12.Qe1 0-0 13.Qf2 Rac8 14.Rfd1 Qb8 15.Bf1 Bd8 16.b3 Bc7 17.Qh4 Ne5 18.Bg5 Bd8 19.Qh3 Nc6 (33) Chapter-Game Chapter 1-21]
5...Nc6 6.Be2 Bb4 7.0-0 d6 0.53/23
[7...Bxc3= 0.00/22 8.bxc3 Nxe4]
8.Qd3± 0-0 9.Nxc6 bxc6 White is slightly better. **10.Qg3 Kh8 11.a3 Ba5 12.Rd1 d5 13.b4 Bc7 14.Bf4 Bxf4**
[Not 14...e5? 15.Bxe5 Bxe5 16.Qxe5+-]
15.Qxf4 Qe7 16.Qe5

(Diagram)

Strongly threatening exd5. **16...Bb7 17.exd5 cxd5 18.Nb5 Rfd8 19.c4 dxc4 20.Bxc4 Bd5 21.Bxd5** 0.18/25



[21.Be2± 0.56/20 feels stronger.]
21...Nxd5 22.Rac1 Rac8 23.h3 Rxc1 24.Rxc1 h6 25.Nd4 Qb7 The position is equal. **26.Rc5 Nf6 27.Rc4 Rd5 28.Qe3 a5 29.Nc6 axb4 30.axb4 Rd1+**
[30...Qc7 simplifies 31.f4 Rf5 32.Qa7 Qxa7+ 33.Nxa7 Rd5]
31.Kh2 Qb5 32.Ne5 Kh7 33.Qc3



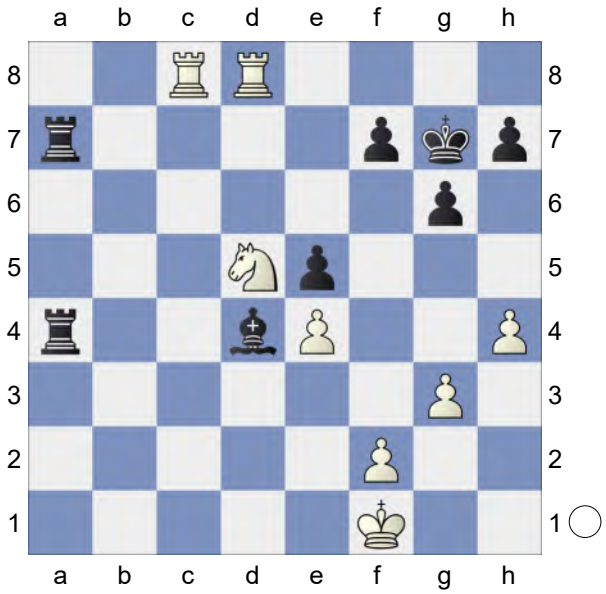
Hoping for Qc2+. **33...Qd5 34.Rc5 Qd6 35.Rc6 Qd5** Threatens to win with ... Ne4. **36.Rc5 Qd6** ...Ne4 would now be deadly. **37.Rc6 Qd5** White must now

prevent ...Ne4. **38.Rc5**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.06 (flawless) /Black=0.06 (flawless)
½-½

B33

□ **Hou Yifan** **2658**
■ **Muzychuk,A.** **2550**
Olympiad Women 2016 (7.2) 09.09.2016
[Kitty Kat]

B33: Sicilian: Pelikan and Sveshnikov Variations
Kasparov hasn't proved much vs the Svesh of late. Here the positional method gives zilch. **1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 e5 6.Ndb5 d6 7.Bg5 a6 8.Na3 b5 9.Nd5 Be7 10.Bxf6 Bxf6 11.c3 Bg5 12.Nc2 Rb8 13.a3 a5 14.Bd3 Ne7 15.Nxe7 Qxe7 16.Qe2 Qb7**
[16...0-0 17.0-0 Bd7 18.b4 axb4 19.Nxb4 Rfc8 20.c4 bxc4 21.Bxc4 Be6 22.Bd5 Qd7 23.Qa6 Rc3 24.Rfd1 Bg4 25.Rdb1 Rbc8 26.a4 h5 27.a5 Bh4 28.Qb7 R3c7 29.a6 Bh3 30.gxh3 Qxh3 31.Qb6 ½-½ (35) Kasparov,G (2851)-Kramnik,V (2758) Fujitsu-Siemens Giants 2000 (9)]
17.0-0 0-0 18.b4 Qc7N
[18...a4 19.c4 Be6 20.cxb5 Rfc8 21.Ne3 g6 22.Nc4 Bxc4 23.Bxc4 Qb6 24.Ra2 Rc7 25.g3 h5 26.Kh1 Kg7 27.h4 Bh6 28.Kg2 Rbc8 29.Bd5 Rc3 30.Rd1 Bc1 31.Rd3 Rxd3 32.Qxd3 Qd4 33.Qxd4 1-0 (42) Sutovsky,E (2612)-Milov,V (2633) Julian Borowski 1st 1999 (4) exd4 34.b6 d3 35.b7 Rb8 36.Kf1 f5 37.Ke1 fxe4 38.Kd1 Bh6 39.Bxe4 g5 40.hxg5 Bxg5 41.f4 Bh6 42.Rh2 1-0 Peebo,K-Windus la Vella 100/(117) 2007]
19.bxa5 Qxa5 20.Nb4 Bd7 Against Nc6 **21.c4 Rfc8 22.g3 bxc4 23.Bxc4 Bb5** 0.52/21
[23...g6= 0.16/22]
24.Bxb5± Qxb5 25.Qxb5 Rxb5 26.Rfd1 g6 27.h4 Bh6 28.Kf1 Rc4 29.Rxd6 Rc1+ The position is equal. **30.Rd1 Rc4 31.Rd8+ Bf8 32.Nd5** Strongly threatening h5! **32...Kg7 33.a4 Ra5 34.Rb1 Rcxa4 35.Rb7 Ra7 36.Rbb8 Bc5 37.Rbc8 Bd4**

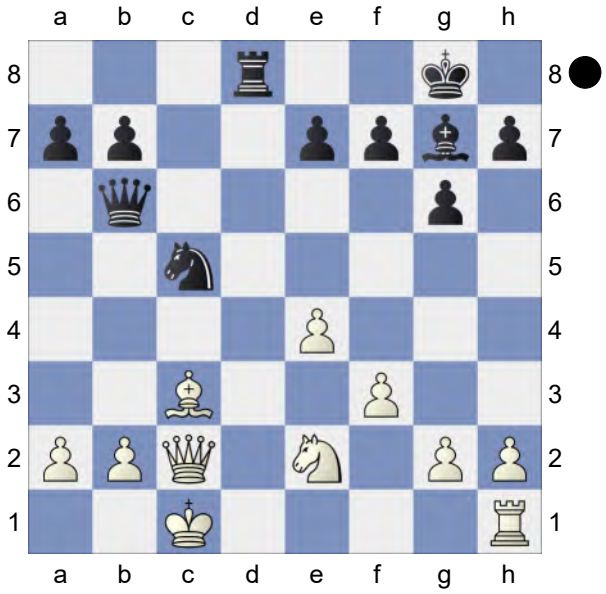


And now ...Ra1+ would win. **38.Rg8+ Kh6** White must now prevent ...Ra1+. **39.Nf6** aiming for g4. **39...Ra2 40.Ng4+ Kh5 41.Nf6+ Kh6 42.Ng4+**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.07 (flawless) /Black=0.07 (flawless)
½-½

D85

□ **Peng Zhaoqin** **2349**
■ **Muzychuk,A.** **2529**
Olympiad Women 2022 (7.3) 05.08.2022
[Kitty Kat]

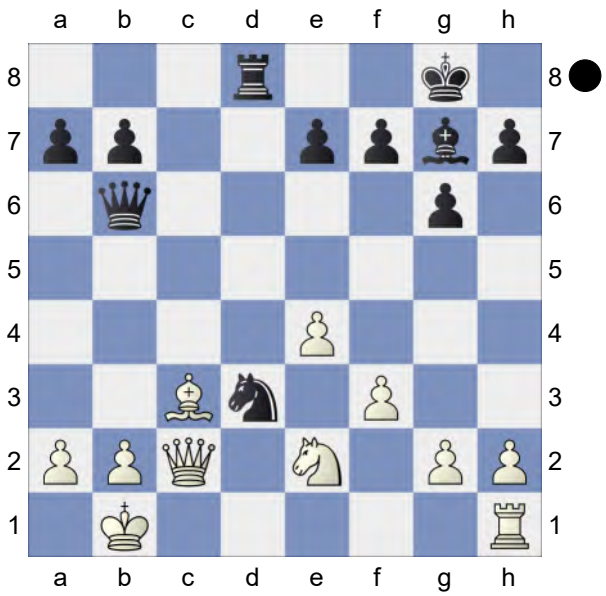
D90: Grünfeld: 4 Nf3 Bg7 sidelines
In this game we will look at a fantastic example that I saw in the book Gamechanger by Sadler and Regan. The domination employed by AlphaZero, the computer produced and built by Google's Deepmind program, is breathtaking. **1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 d5 4.cxd5 Nxd5 5.Nf3 Bg7 6.Bd2N**
[6.Na4 0-0 7.e4 Nb6 8.Be3 Nxa4 9.Qxa4 c5 10.Rd1 Bg4 11.dxc5 Qc7 12.Qa3 Nd7 13.Be2 b6 14.b4 a5 15.cxb6 axb4 16.Qxa8 Qc3+ 17.Bd2 Rxa8 18.Bxc3 Bxc3+ 19.Nd2 Nxb6 20.Bxg4 Nc4 ½-½ (56) Glaser,G (2342)-Liang,S (2431) 51/590_137152 1991 (6)]
[6.e4 Nxc3 7.bxc3 c5 8.Be3 *(8.Bb2 Qa5 9.Nd2 0-0 10.Nc4 Qc7 11.d5 Nd7 12.Be2 Ne5 13.0-0 Nxc4 14.Bxc4 b5 15.Be2 Be5 16.g3 Bh3 17.Re1 c4 18.Qc2 f5 19.Bf1 Bxf1 20.Rxf1 f4 21.gxf4 Rxf4 22.f3 Raf8* 0-1 (24) Kolesnikov,R-Darmogray,M Bakharov mem 1994*)* 8...Qa5 9.Qd2 0-0 *(9...Nc6 10.Rb1 a6 11.Rc1 cxd4 12.cxd4 Qxd2+ 13.Kxd2 e6 14.Bd3 Bd7 15.e5 0-0 16.Rb1 b5 17.h4 Ne7 18.h5 Bc6 19.h6 Bh8 20.Ng5 Bxg2 21.Rhc1 Bd5 22.Rc7 Nf5 23.Ne4 Rfc8 24.Rbc1* 1-0 (48) Grandmaster Model Games-AlphaZero vs. Stockfish 8 Developing Chess Intuition: Domination 2023*)* 10.Rc1 Rd8 11.d5 e6 12.Bg5 f6 13.Be3 Nc6 14.Bd3 b6 15.0-0 Ba6 16.Be2 Qa4 17.c4 Na5 18.Qd3 Qxa2 19.h4 Qb3 20.Rc3 Qa4 ½-½ (66) Garus,E (2624)-Leveille,F (2581) 7/59 Sarajevo 1969 (5.3)]
6...c5 7.e4 Nxc3 8.Bxc3 cxd4 9.Bb5+ The position is equal. **9...Bd7 10.Bxd7+ Nxd7 11.Nxd4 Nc5 12.f3** -2.17/22
[White should play 12.0-0∓ -0.31/26]
12...0-0-+ 13.Qd2 Qb6 Strongly threatening ...Rad8. **14.Rd1** -2.79/23
[⌓14.Qc2 -1.99/22]
14...Rfd8 15.Qc2 Rac8 16.Ne2 Rxd1+ 17.Kxd1 Rd8+ -2.18/20
[⌓17...Nd3 -3.79/22 18.Qxd3 Rd8 19.Qxd8+ Qxd8+ 20.Kc2 Qb6]
18.Kc1

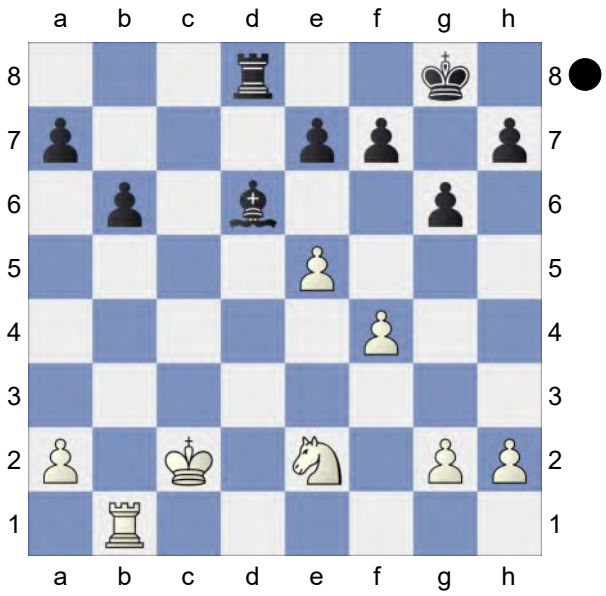


Nd3+! 19.Kb1

(Diagram)

Nxb2 X-Ray Attack **20.Qxb2 Qxb2+ 21.Bxb2 Bxb2** Endgame. KRB-KRN **22.Kc2** Dodges Rd2+ **22...Be5 23.Rb1 b6**
[Resist 23...Bxh2 24.g3∓]
24.f4 Bd6 25.e5 -2.31/22
[⌓25.Rd1 -1.87/20]





25...Bc5! 26.Rb3 f6 27.exf6 exf6 28.f5 Re8 29.Ng3 Bd6 ...Bxg3 is the strong threat. **30.Rd3** -4.39/22

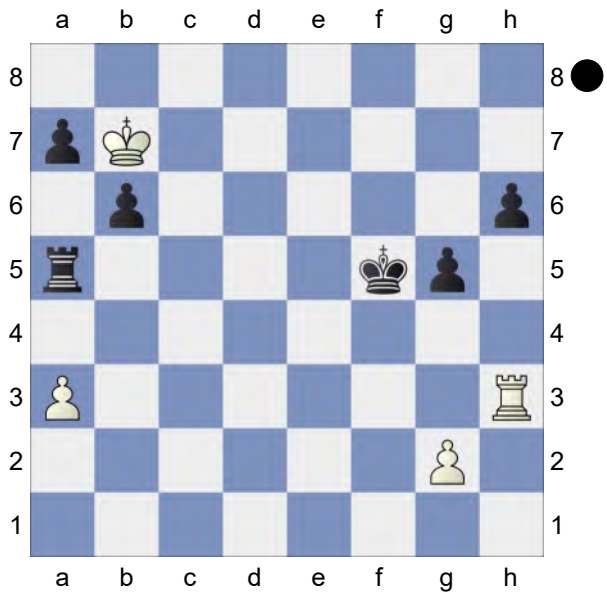
[30.fxg6 -2.56/22 was called for. hxg6 31.Rd3]

30...Bxg3 31.Rxg3 KR-KR **31...Re2+ 32.Kb3 g5 33.h4 h6 34.hxg5** Black is clearly winning. **34...fxg5 35.a3 Kg7 36.Kb4 Kf6 37.Kb5 Re5+ 38.Ka6 Ra5+**

[38...Rxf5 39.Kxa7 b5 40.Rh3∓]

39.Kb7 Kxf5 40.Rh3

(Diagram)



h5! 41.Rf3+

[41.Rxh5 Rxa3]

41...Ke5 Black took control after the opening.

Weighted Error Value: White=0.44/ Black=0.16 (very precise)

0-1

B01

□ **Hou Yifan** **2673**

■ **Muzychuk,A.** **2545**

SportAccord Blitz w 2014 (4.6) 13.12.14

[Kitty Kat]

B01: Scandinavian Defence

1.e4 d5 2.exd5 Nf6 3.d4 Nxd5 4.c4 Nb6 5.Nc3 e5 6.dxe5 Qxd1+ 7.Nxd1 Nc6 8.f4 Be6 9.Ne3 Bc5 Black has compensation. **10.Nf3 0-0-0 11.Ng5 Nb4 12.a3** -0.54/21

[12.Ke2= -0.18/23]

12...Nd3+∓ 13.Bxd3 Rxd3 14.Nxe6

[14.Ke2 Rb3 15.Nxe6 Bxe3 16.Ng5 Bxc1 17.Raxc1 Rxb2+ 18.Kf3 Rb3+ 19.Ke4 f6 20.Ne6 Nd7 21.Rhd1 Rxa3 22.exf6 Nxf6+ 23.Kf5 Nd7 24.Rc2 Re3 25.Nxg7 Rf8+ 26.Kg5

Rg8 27.Rxd7 Kxd7 28.Kf6 Rf8+ 0-1 (52) Truscott,I (2505)-14.b4 ♘bd7 15.♗b2 (2545) IX Polish Cht 1991]

14...fxe6 15.Ke2 Rhd8N -0.03/28

[Black should play 15...Rb3∓ -0.62/31 16.Rd1 *(16.Ra2 Rd8 17.Rf1 Rd4 18.Nd1 Nxc4 19.Rf3 Na5 20.Nc3 Rd8 21.Ne4 Be7 22.Nd2 Rxf3 23.Kxf3 c5 24.Ra1 c4 25.Rb1 b5 26.Ke2 Kc7 27.Nf3 Nb3 28.Be3 Bc5 29.Ng5 Re8 30.Rd1 h6 ½-½ (59) 7...Qe7 8.Bb2 0-0 (2375)-Neumann (2470) USSR (ch) 28/496 1979 (6))* 16...Bxe3 17.Bxe3 Rxb2+ *(17...Nxc4 18.Bc1∓)* 18.Rd2 Rxd2+ *(18...Nxc4 19.Rxb2 Nxb2 20.Rc1∓)* 19.Bxd2 Nxc4]

16.Rd1⇄ White has counterplay **16...Rxd1 17.Nxd1 Nxc4 18.b3** -0.36/27

[18.Rb1= 0.00/25 deserves consideration.]

18...Na5!∓ 19.Rb1 And now b4 would win. **19...Nc6 20.b4 Bg1 21.Be3 Bxh2** ...Nd4+ is the strong threat. **22.Kf2?** -1.96/25

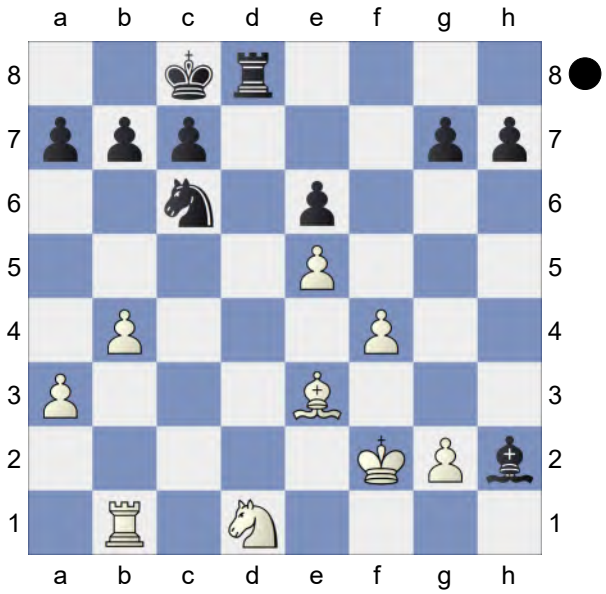
[22.Nf2= -0.12/26 and White stays safe. Nd4+ 23.Kd2]

(Diagram)

22...g5? -0.01/22 **23.g3= gxf4 24.Bxf4 Rd3 25.Kg2 Bxg3 26.Bxg3 Rxa3 27.Nf2 a5 28.bxa5 Rxa5 29.Rh1 Rd5 30.Ng4**

[Weaker is 30.Rxh7 b5+-]

30...Rd7 31.Nf6 Rd2+ 32.Kf3 Rd3+ 33.Kg4 b5 34.Rxh7 Hoping for Ne8. **34...b4** The position is equal. **35.Ne8 Rd7 36.Rxd7 Kxd7 37.Nf6+ Kc8 38.Ne4** Strongly threatening Nc5. **38...b3 39.Nd2 b2 40.Kf4 Nd4 41.Ke3**



[41.Ke4!? Ne2 42.Be1+-]

41...Nf5+ 42.Kf2 Nxg3 43.Kxg3 Endgame. KN-K3P **43...Kd7 44.Kf3 Kc6 45.Ke4 Kc5 46.Nb1 Kc4 47.Ke3 c5 48.Kd2 Kd5 49.Kc2 Kxe5 50.Kxb2** KN-KPP **50...Kd4 51.Kc2 e5 52.Nd2 e4 53.Nb3+ Kd5 54.Kc3 e3 55.Nc1 Ke4 56.Kc4 Kf3 57.Kxc5 e2 58.Nxe2 Kxe2**

Weighted Error Value: White=0.14 (very precise) /Black=0.15 (very precise)

½-½

B06

□ **Muzychuk,A.** **2526**

■ **Suarez Garcia,C.** **2455**

TCh-ESP Div Honor 2022 (2.4) 18.09.22

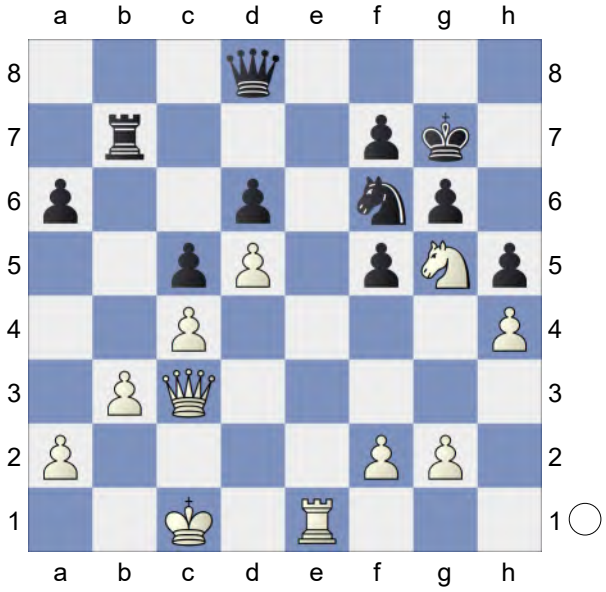
[Kitty Kat]

B08: Pirc Defence: Classical System

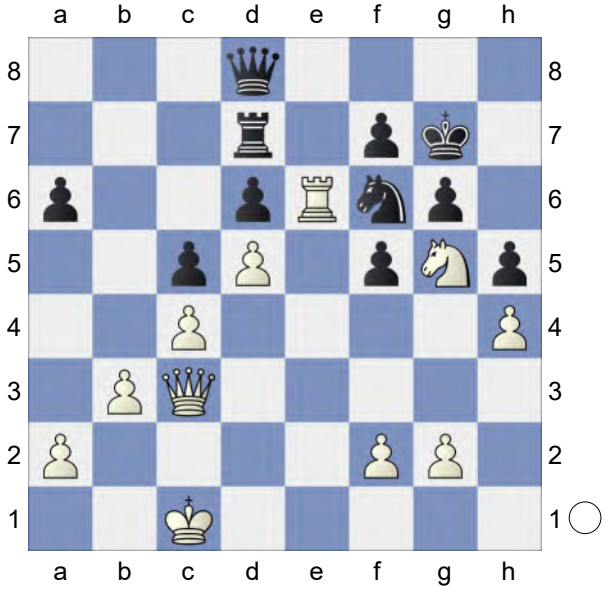
1.e4 g6 2.d4 Bg7 3.Nc3 d6 4.Be3 Nf6 5.Nf3

[5.Qd2 c6 6.f3 b5 7.h4 h5 8.Nh3 Nbd7 9.Ng5 0-0 10.0-0-0 Nb6 11.Bd3 Qc7 12.Rdg1 e5 13.Ne2 exd4 14.Nxd4 a6 15.g4 B 07/57 2000]

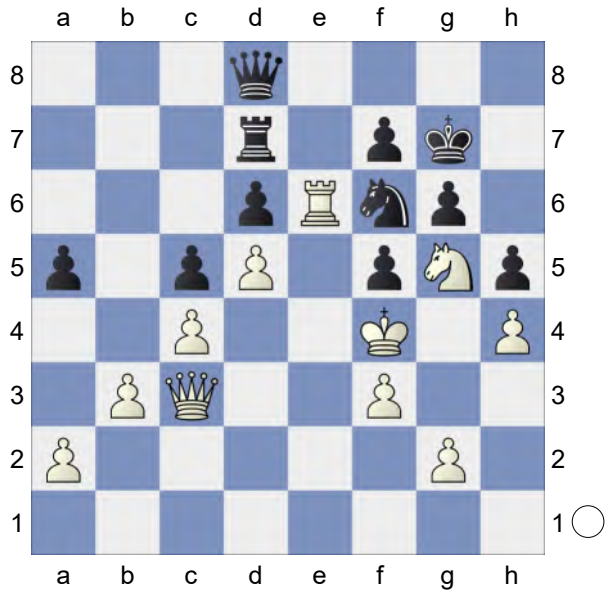
5...a6 6.Qd2N
[6.Bd3 0-0 7.0-0 b5
A) 8.e5 Ng4 9.Bf4 Nd7 10.Qe2 *(10.e6 fxe6 11.Ng5 Ndf6 12.h3 Nh5* Flexible Dragon Restrained,N-3 Nf3 4 Be3 lines #22*)* 10...Bb7 11.e6 Nb6 12.exf7+ Rxf7 13.Ng5 Rxf4 14.Ne6 Qd7 15.Nxf4 e5 16.dxe5 Nxe5 17.Rad1 d5 18.Ne4 dxe4 19.Bc4+ Nexc4 20.Rxd7 Nxd7 Flexible Dragon Restrained,N-3 Nf3 4 Be3 lines #20;
B) 8.a3 Bb7 9.Qe2 Nbd7 10.Rad1 Qc8 11.e5 Bxf3 12.Qxf3 dxe5 13.d5 Ne8 14.Qg3 f5 15.f4 e4 16.Be2 Nd6 17.Bd4 Qe8 18.a4 b4 19.Na2 a5 20.Bxg7 Kxg7 0-1 (42) 5.exd6 8.Rc1 9.b3 (2415)-Li,E (2520) Calgary op 2016 (9)]
6...b5 7.Bh6 0-0 8.Bd3 And now e5 would win. **8...Bb7** 1.34/23
[Black should try 8...Nc6!± 0.51/21]
9.Bxg7± Kxg7 10.0-0-0 0.25/21
[10.e5!± 1.19/22]
10...b4!= 11.e5
[11.Ne2 simplifies Bxe4 12.Bxe4 Nxe4 13.Qe3]
11...bxc3 12.exf6+ exf6 13.Qxc3
[13.bxc3 Qd7 14.Be2 Qa4]
13...Nd7 14.h4 h5 would now be deadly.
14...h5! 15.Nd2 Nb6 16.Be4 Bxe4 17.Nxe4 Rb8 0.31/27
[17...Re8= -0.10/20 feels stronger. 18.Rhe1 Re6]
18.b3 Re8 19.Rhe1 Nd5 20.Qf3 -0.25/27
[⩲20.Qd2 0.23/24]
20...f5 21.Ng5 c6 22.Rxe8
[22.Kb2 with more complications. Qb6 23.Qd3 a5 24.Rxe8 Rxe8 25.a4]
22...Qxe8 23.c4 Nf6 24.Qc3 Qd8 0.22/21
[24...d5∓ -0.31/23]
25.d5 c5 26.Re1 Black should prevent Re6! **26...Rb7** 1.56/28
[26...Kg8= 0.11/22]



27.Re6!!± Rd7
[27...Ra7 28.Kb2]



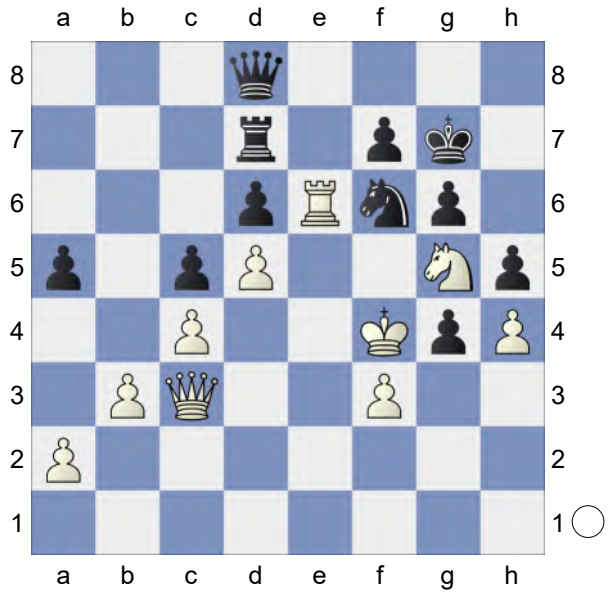
28.Kc2! White is much more active.
28...Rb7 29.Kd3 Rd7 30.f3 Rb7 31.Ke3 Rd7 32.Kf4 a5? 4.36/30
[32...Rb7± 1.56/25 33.a3 a5]



Repels a3. This move loses the game for Black. **33.g4!+- fxg4**

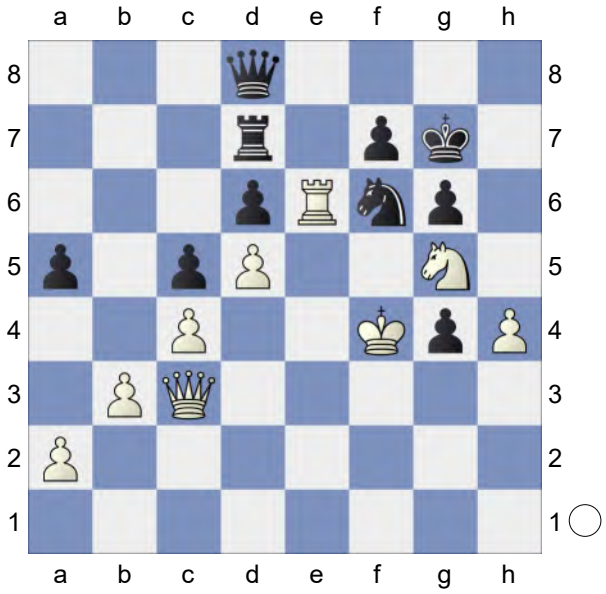
[33...fxe6? 34.Nxe6+ Kf7 35.Nxd8+ Rxd8 36.Qxa5 *(36.Kg5 Nh7+ 37.Kh6 Nf6+-)*]

[33...hxg4 34.fxg4 fxg4 *(34...fxe6 35.Nxe6+ Kf7 36.Nxd8+ Rxd8 37.Qxa5+-)* 35.h5+- *(35.Kg3? fxe6 36.Nxe6+ Kh7-+)*]



34.fxg4 hxg4

[34...fxe6 35.Nxe6+ Kf7 36.Nxd8+ Rxd8 37.Qxa5+-]



35.h5!

[35.Kg3? fxe6 36.Nxe6+ Kh7 37.Nxd8 Ne4+ 38.Kxg4 Nxc3-+]

35...g3 ...g2 is the strong threat.

[35...gxh5 36.Kf5 Kg8 37.Rxf6]

36.h6+! Deflection **36...Kxh6 37.Rxf6 g2 38.Nf3**

[38.Nxf7+ Rxf7 39.Qh3+ Kg7 40.Rxf7+ Kxf7 41.Qh7+ *(41.Qxg2 Qh4+ 42.Qg4 Qf2+ 43.Ke4 Qd4+ 44.Kf3 Qc3+ 45.Kf4 Qe5+ 46.Kf3 Qf5+ 47.Kg3 Qe5+ 48.Kg2 Kg7=)* 41...Kf6 *(41...Kf8 42.Qh8+ Kf7 43.Qxd8=)* 42.Qh4+ Kg7 43.Qxd8 g1Q=]

[38.Qh3+ Kg7=]

38...Re7 39.Kg3 Re2 40.Kh2

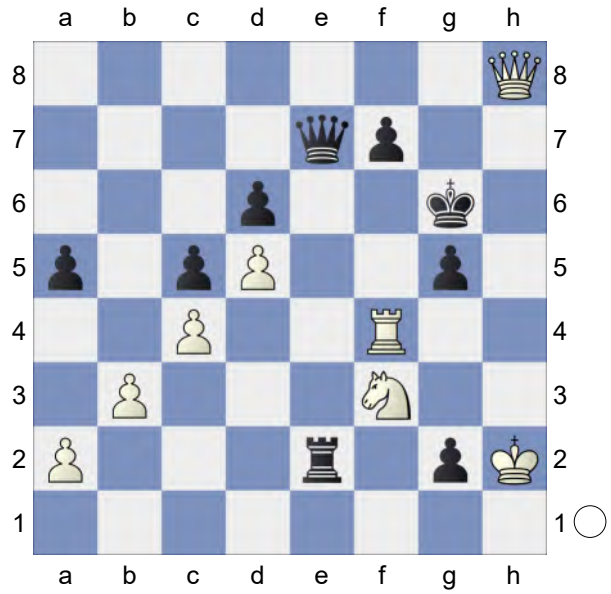
[40.Rxf7 leads to mate. g1Q+ *(40...Rxa2 41.Qg7+ Kh5 42.Qh7#)* 41.Kf4 Qgg5+ *(41...g5+ 42.Kf5 Qb1+ 43.Qd3)* 42.Nxg5 Qxg5+ 43.Kf3 Qg2+ 44.Kf4 Re4#]

40...Qe7 41.Rf4 g5 #6/17

[41...f6+- 4.51/18 42.Qxf6 *(42.Rxf6 Qe4+-)* 42...Qxf6 43.Rxf6 Rf2]

42.Qh8+ White mates. **42...Kg6**

43.Qg8+ Kh6 44.Qh8+ Kg6

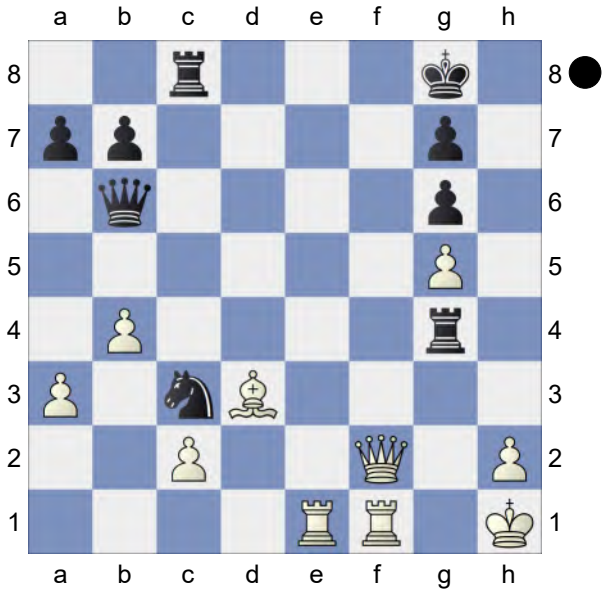


45.Nh4+! gxh4 46.Rg4+
Weighted Error Value: White=0.07 (flawless) /Black=0.47
1-0

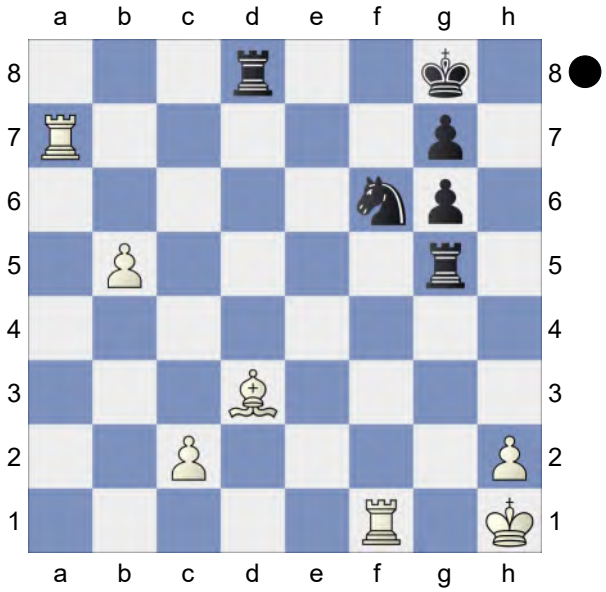
B40

□ **Muzychuk,A.** **2526**
■ **Perez Candelario,Man** **2566**
TCh-ESP Div Honor 2022 (7.3) 23.09.22
[Kitty Kat]

B45: Sicilian Four Knights
1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4
[4.c3 dxc3 5.Nxc3 Nc6 6.Bc4 a6 7.0-0 Nge7 8.Bg5 h6 9.Be3 Ng6 10.Nd4 Qc7 11.Rc1 Bd6 12.g3 Be7 13.f4 Bc5 14.Re1 0-0 15.a4 Nxd4 16.Bxd4 Qb6 17.Ne2 d6 18.Bxc5 dxc5 0-1 (58) Paidousis,A (2283)-Cruz,C (2217) GER CupT final_84363 2001]
4...Nf6
[4...Nc6 5.g3 Qb6 6.Nb3 Nf6 7.Bg2 Be7 8.0-0 0-0 9.Nc3 a6 10.Be3 Qc7 11.a4 Ne5 12.Bf4 d6 13.a5 Bd7 B 44/01 2001]
5.Nc3N
[5.Bd3 d6 6.0-0 Be7 7.c4 Nbd7 8.Nc3 a6 9.Be3 Qc7 10.Rc1 b6 11.f3 Bb7 12.Qe1 0-0 13.Qf2 Rac8 14.Rfd1 Qb8 15.Bf1 Bd8 16.b3 Bc7 17.Qh4 Ne5 18.Bg5 Bd8 19.Qh3 Nc6 (33) Chapter-Game Chapter 1-21]
5...Nc6 6.Ndb5 Bb4 7.a3 Bxc3+ 8.Nxc3 d5 9.exd5 exd5 10.Bd3 0-0 11.0-0 d4 12.Ne2 Bg4 13.f3 Bh5 14.Nf4 Bg6 15.Nxg6 hxg6 16.f4 The position is equal. **16...Qb6 17.b4 Ne7 18.Qf3 Nf5 19.Bd2 Rac8 20.Rae1** Against Ne3 **20...Rfd8 21.g4 Ne3** 0.42/22 **22.Bxe3± dxe3 23.g5! Nh5** 0.82/23
[23...Nd5= 0.06/21]
24.Qxe3± Rd4 25.f5 Nf4 26.fxg6 fxg6 1.75/23
[26...Nxg6± 0.98/25 27.Bf5 Rcd8]
27.Be4!↑ White is in control. **27...Nd5** 2.91/25 Black cannot hold the game after this.
[27...Rxe4± 1.27/21 28.Qxb6 Ne2+ 29.Rxe2 Rg4+ 30.Kf2 *(30.Rg2 Rxg2+ 31.Kxg2 axb6±)* 30...axb6]
28.Qf2 Nc3 29.Bd3 Rg4+ 30.Kh1



Hoping for Qf7+. **30...Qc6+ 31.Qf3 Rxg5**
[31...Qxf3+ 32.Rxf3 Rxg5 33.Bc4+ *(33.Re7 Nb5+-)* 33...Rxc4 34.Re8+ Kh7 35.Rff8+-]
32.Qxc6 bxc6 33.Re7 Nd5 34.Rxa7 Nf6 35.a4 Rd8 4.65/21
[35...Rb8 3.26/18 is a better defense. 36.a5 Nd5]
36.b5 2.60/21
[⩲36.a5 4.65/21]
36...cxb5 37.axb5



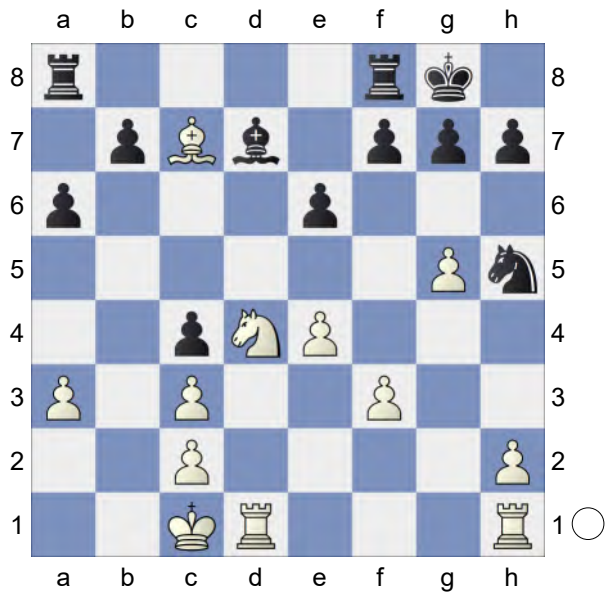
b6 is the strong threat. **37...Rd4?** 4.96/20
[37...Rxd3 2.15/20 was necessary. 38.cxd3 Rxb5]
38.Raa1? 1.87/19
[38.b6 4.96/20 Rb4 39.b7]
38...Nd5? 6.75/20
[38...Rxd3 1.87/19 39.cxd3 Rxb5]
39.Ra8+
Weighted Error Value: White=0.27 (precise) /Black=0.58
1-0

B48
□ **Muzychuk,A.** **2598**
■ **Socko,M.** **2484**
TCh-POL Ekstraliga 2012 (1.1) 04.05.12
[Kitty Kat]

B48: Sicilian: Taimanov: 5 Nc3 Qc7 6 Be3 a6 without Be2
1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nc6 5.Nc3
[5.g3 Qb6 6.Nb3 Nf6 7.Bg2 Be7 8.0-0 0-0 9.Nc3 a6 10.Be3 Qc7 11.a4 Ne5 12.Bf4 d6 13.a5 Bd7 B 44/01 2001]
5...Qc7 6.Be3N
[6.g3 a6 7.Bg2 Nf6 8.0-0 Be7 9.Nce2 0-0 10.c4 Nxd4 11.Qxd4 d6 12.b3 Bd7 13.Bb2 Bc6 14.Rac1 b6 15.Nc3 Qb7 16.Rfe1 Rfd8 17.Qe3 Re8 18.Qd2 b5 19.Nd5 exd5 20.cxd5 Bd7 ½-½ (37) Damjanovic,M-Browne,W 8/457 San Juan 1969 21.e5 Ng4 22.h3 Nh6 23.e6 Bc8 24.g4 Qb8 25.g5 Nf5 26.Be4 fxe6 27.Bxf5 e5 28.Qd3 Bxf5 29.Qxf5 Qd8 30.h4 Rf8 31.Qe6+ Kh8 32.Re4 Qb6 33.Rc2 Rae8 34.Rxe5 Qd8 35.Rf5 Rg8 ½-½ (37) Damjanovic,M-Langeweg,K 1/269 Beverwijk 1966]
6...a6 7.Qd2 Nf6 8.0-0-0 Bb4 9.f3 Na5 10.Bf2 0-0 0.94/21
[10...b5⩲ 0.45/21]
11.Bg3± Qc5 12.a3 White is better. **12...Bxc3 13.Qxc3 Qxc3 14.bxc3 d5 15.Bc7 Nc4 16.Bxc4 dxc4** Black is weak on the dark squares **17.g4 Bd7 18.g5 Nh5**

(Diagram)

19.Rhg1! Rac8 20.Bd6 Rfe8 21.f4 White is more active. **21...Bc6** 1.74/21

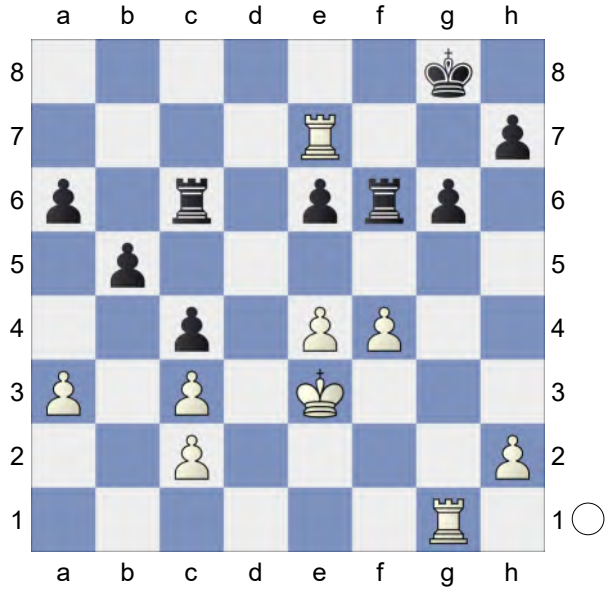


[21...Kh8± 0.79/22 was necessary.]

22.Nxc6+- Rxc6 23.Be5 b5 24.Rd7 Rf8 2.64/24

[⌓24...Rcc8 1.62/24 25.Rgd1 f6 26.gxf6 gxf6]

25.Kd2 g6 26.Ke3 f6 27.gxf6 Nxf6 28.Re7 Rf7 29.Bxf6 Rxf6 Endgame.



KRR-KRR **30.Rd1! Rf7 31.Rxf7 Kxf7** KR-KR **32.Rd7+** Skewer. White is clearly winning. **32...Kf6 33.e5+ Kf5 34.Rxh7 Kg4 35.h3+ Kg3 36.Rh6 g5 37.fxg5 a5 38.Ke4 b4 39.cxb4**

Weighted Error Value: White=0.06 (flawless) /Black=0.43

1-0

D08

□ **Koneru,H.** **2607**

■ **Muzychuk,A.** **2566**

SportAccord Blitz Women 2013 (7.7)

[Kitty Kat]

D08: Albin Counter Gambit

1.d4 d5 2.c4 e5 3.dxe5 d4 4.Nf3 Nc6 5.a3 Nge7 6.b4 Ng6 7.Bb2 a5 8.b5 White is better. **8...Ncxe5 9.Nxe5 Nxe5 10.Bxd4 Nxc4 11.e3 Be6 12.Be2**

[12.Qc2 Nd6 13.Bd3 Qg5 14.f4 Qh4+ 15.g3 Qh5 16.Nc3 Nf5 17.0-0 0-0-0 18.Ba7 Qg4 19.Ne4 Rd7 20.Rfd1 Qf3 21.Ng5 Nxe3 22.Nxf3 Nxc2 23.Bxc2 b6 24.Ne5 Rxd1+ 25.Rxd1 Bxa3 26.f5 Ba2 0-1 (38) 6.♘c6 bc6 7.e5 ♘d5_54669 (2757)-Rogozenco,D (2741) Eesti - Suomi 81/(33) 2001 (7)]

12...Qg5N White must now prevent ... 0-0-0.

[12...Be7 13.Qc2 Nd6 14.Nc3 0-0 15.0-0 Re8 16.Rad1 Bf6 17.Bxf6 Qxf6 18.Nd5 Bxd5 19.Rxd5 Re7 20.Rc5 Ne8 21.Rd1 g6 22.Bf3 Rb8 23.Rcd5 b6 24.Rd7 Rxd7 25.Rxd7 Rd8 26.Rxd8 Qxd8 27.Bc6 1-0 (63) Navara,D (2678)-Gadimbayli,A (2500) ChessKid Cup Div 3 L rapid 2023 (1.1)]

13.0-0 f4 would now be deadly. **13...Bd5** 1.78/23

[13...Bc5!± 0.65/19]

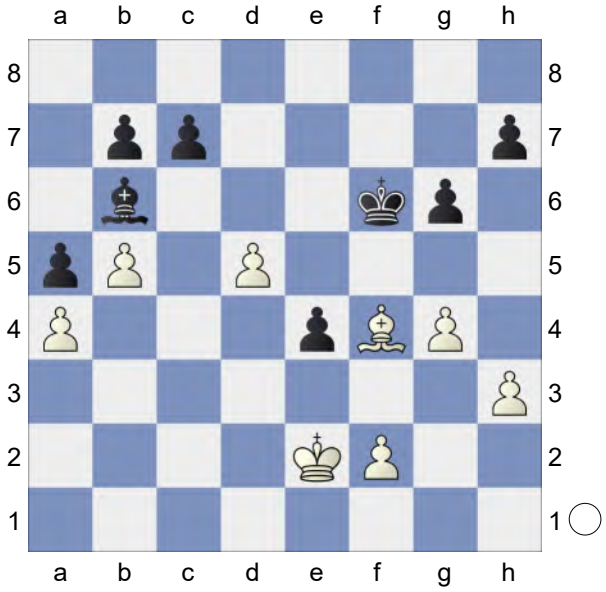
14.Bf3 1.14/21

[14.g3!+- 1.78/23]

14...Nd6 1.62/24

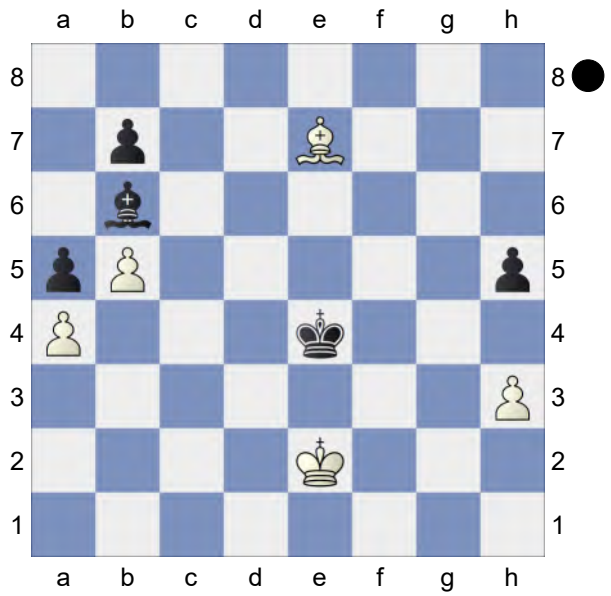
[14...Bd6± 1.14/21]

15.Bxd5+- Qxd5 16.Nc3 Qe6 17.Rc1 0.97/22
[⌓17.Qf3 1.41/22]
17...Nf5± 18.Qa4 0.52/21
[18.Qf3!± 0.99/24 And now Nd5 would win. 0-0-0 19.Ba7 Bxa3 20.Na4]
18...Bd6± 19.Rfd1 0.00/23
[19.Ne2± 0.55/23]
19...0-0= 20.Ne2 Rfd8 0.37/22
[20...Rfe8= 0.00/23 is more appropriate.]
21.Bb2 Qa2
[21...Nxe3?! 22.fxe3 Qxe3+ 23.Kf1±]
22.Rb1
[22.Rc2!? Be5 *(22...Bxh2+? 23.Kxh2 Rxd1 24.Nc3+-)* 23.Bd4= *(23.Bxe5? Rxd1#; 23.Rxd8+ Rxd8 24.Bd4 Qd5=)*]
22...Re8 0.91/19
[22...Bf8= 0.03/24]
23.Qg4!± Qe6 24.h3 Qe4 1.21/22
[Black should play 24...Qg6 0.81/19]
25.Qxe4 0.73/20
[⌓25.b6! 1.21/22]
25...Rxe4 26.Nd4 -0.31/21
[26.g4± 0.69/23 Nh4 27.Ng3 Bxg3 28.fxg3]
26...Nxd4∓ 27.Rxd4 Rxd4 28.exd4 Endgame. KRB-KRB **28...Re8 29.Kf1 Re4 30.a4 f5 31.Re1 Kf7?** 2.58/28
[31...Rxe1+= 0.09/27 32.Kxe1 g6]
32.Rxe4+- fxe4 KB-KB **33.d5** aiming for Bc3. **33...Bc5** 3.35/27
[⌓33...Ke7 2.06/25 34.Ke2 *(34.Bxg7 Bc5±)* 34...Bc5]
34.Ke2 1.35/26
[34.Be5+- 3.35/27 is the precise move to win.]
34...g6? 3.64/33
[34...Ke7± 1.35/26 was called for.]
35.Be5 Bb6 36.g4 1.45/36
[36.Bf4+- 3.19/29]
36...Ke7± 37.Bf4 0.18/28
[37.f3± 1.42/33]
37...Kf6? 3.75/32
[37...Kd7= 0.18/28]



38.Bg3 1.72/30
[⌓38.f3! 3.75/32 exf3+ 39.Kxf3]
38...Kg5? 3.94/29
[38...Ke7 1.72/30 might work better. 39.f3 exf3+ 40.Kxf3 Kd7]
39.Kd2? 0.10/33
[39.Be5+- 3.94/29]
39...h5= Against f3 **40.gxh5 gxh5 41.Ke2 Kf5 42.Kd2** 0.01/39
[42.f3± 0.43/37 might be stronger.]
42...Kg5 43.Ke2 Kf5 0.66/31
[43...Kg6= 0.10/35]
44.Kd2 0.00/35
[Better is 44.f3± 0.66/31]
44...e3+ 45.fxe3 Kd3 is the strong threat. **45...Ke4 46.d6 Bxe3+ 47.Ke2 cxd6 48.Bxd6 Bb6 49.Be7?** -6.94/38
[49.Bg3= 0.00/42]

(Diagram)



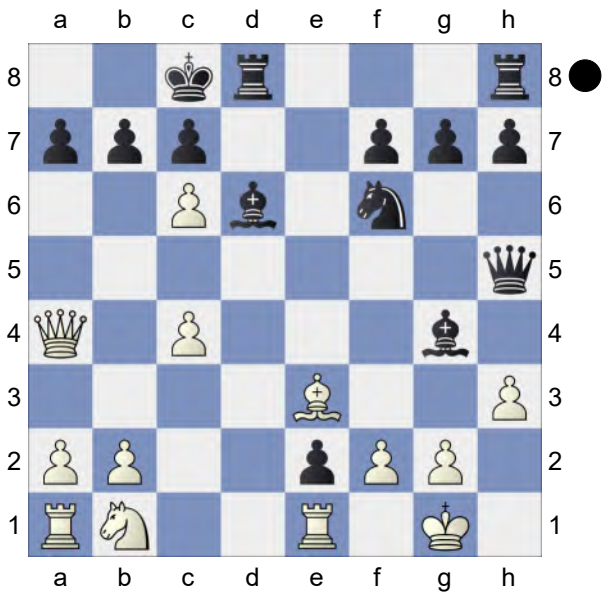
49...Kd4!-+ Black is clearly winning. **50.h4 Kc4 51.Kd2 Kb3 52.Kd3 Kxa4 53.Kc4 Bf2 54.Bd6 Bxh4** A wild game. Weighted Error Value: White=0.65/ Black=0.51
0-1

B01
☐ **Hou Yifan** **2629**
■ **Muzychuk,A.** **2566**
SportAccord Blitz Women 2013 (23.2)
[Kitty Kat]

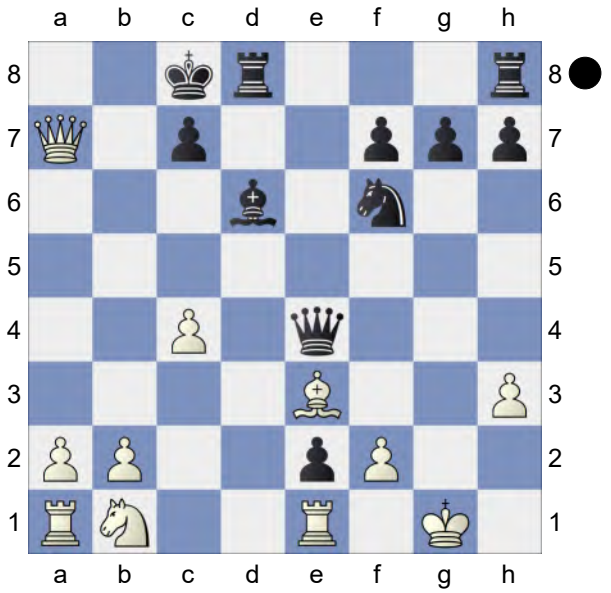
B01: Scandinavian Defence
1.e4 d5 2.exd5 Nf6 3.d4 Bg4 4.Nf3 Qxd5 5.Be2 Nc6 6.c4 Qh5 7.Be3 0-0-0 8.0-0 -0.55/19
[Better is 8.Nbd2!± 0.63/21]
8...e5∓ aiming for ...exd4. **9.d5** -3.14/21
[9.h3∓ -0.99/19]
9...e4-+ 10.Qa4 exf3 Black is winning. **11.dxc6 fxe2 12.Re1 Bd6 13.h3**

(Diagram)

Bxh3! 14.cxb7+ Kxb7 Threatens to win with ...Bh2+! **15.Qxa7+ Kc8 16.gxh3**



-5.14/19
[16.Qa6+ -3.60/24 was the only chance. Kd7 17.Qb5+ Qxb5 18.cxb5]
16...Qg6+ 17.Kh1 Qe4+ 18.Kg1



Ng4! 19.Qa6+ Kd7 20.Qb5+ -16.48/33
[⌓20.Qxd6+ -5.14/21 cxd6 21.Nc3 Qxc4 22.Nxe2 Nxe3 23.fxe3]
20...c6 21.Qb7+ Ke6 22.Bf4 Qxf4 23.Rxe2+N Kf6 (-> ...Qh2+) **24.Qxc6 Ne5 25.Qg2** -#8/20
[25.Rxe5-+ -4.79/20 Qxe5 26.Nc3 Qh2+ 27.Kf1 Qxh3+ 28.Qg2 Qxg2+

29.Kxg2]
25...Nf3+ -10.96/19
[⌓25...Qc1+ -#8/20 26.Qf1 Nf3+ *(26...Qxc4? 27.Nd2-+)* 27.Kg2 Nh4+ *(27...Qxc4? 28.Nc3-+)* 28.Kg1 Bh2+ Deflection *(28...Qxc4? 29.Nc3-+)* 29.Kxh2 Qxf1 30.Re6+ fxe6 31.Kg3 Qg2+ 32.Kxh4 Qg5#]
26.Kf1 Rhe8? -3.64/17
[26...Qc1+ -#2/19 mates 27.Re1 Qxe1#]
27.Nc3 Strongly threatening Nd5+.
27...Rxe2?? 6.36/20
[27...Bb4-+ -3.78/21 28.Qg3 Qxg3 *(28...Qxc4 29.Qxf3+ Kg6 30.Ne4±)* 29.fxg3 Bxc3 30.Rxe8 Nd2+ *(30...Rxe8? 31.bxc3 Nd2+ 32.Kg1-+; 30...Bxb2? 31.Rxd8 Bxa1 32.a4±)* 31.Kf2 Rxe8 32.bxc3 Nxc4]
28.Nxe2?? -7.87/19
[28.Nd5++- 6.36/20 Kf5 29.Nxf4 Bxf4 30.Kxe2]
28...Nd2+ -3.91/21
[28...Qxc4 29.Qxf3+ Ke7 30.b3±]
[⌓28...Qe4 -7.87/19 29.Rd1 Nd2+ Deflection 30.Kg1 Qxe2]
29.Kg1 Qf3 30.Ng3 Qxg2+ 31.Kxg2 Bxg3
[But not 31...Nxc4 32.Ne4+ Kf5 33.Nxd6+ Rxd6 34.b4-+]
32.Kxg3 Nxc4 Endgame. KRN-KR
33.b3 Nd6 34.a4 Rb8 35.Rb1 Ne4+ 36.Kf4? -6.06/21
[36.Kg2 -3.75/20]
36...Nc5 Black is clearly winning. **37.a5 Rb5**
[Weaker is 37...Nxb3 38.a6∓]
38.b4 -8.11/22
[⌓38.Ke3 -4.81/19 Rxa5 *(38...Rxb3+ 39.Rxb3 Nxb3 40.a6=)* 39.b4]
38...Na6 39.Rd1 Rxb4+ 40.Ke3 Ke6 Prevents Rd6+ **41.Rc1 Kd5** Wards off Rc6 **42.Rc8 Rb7 43.Ra8 Nc7 44.Rd8+ Ke5 45.Rd7** -9.26/18
Weighted Error Value: White=0.99/ Black=1.14
[⌓45.Rd3 -4.48/17]
0-1

D78
□ **Vaishali,Rameshbabu** **2425**
■ **Muzychuk,A.** **2522**
Tata Steel India Blitz w (13.1) 04.12.2022
[Kitty Kat]

D78: Fianchetto Grünfeld: 6 0-0 c6
1.Nf3 d5 2.g3 g6 3.Bg2 Bg7 4.d4
[4.0-0 e5 5.d3 Nc6 6.e4 Nge7 7.Nc3 dxe4 8.dxe4 Be6 9.Qe2 Nd4 10.Nxd4 exd4 11.Nd5 0-0 12.Bg5 f6 13.Bf4 Rc8 14.Rad1 c5 15.Nxe7+ Qxe7 16.c3 Qf7 17.b3 dxc3 18.Qc2 g5 0-1 (41) Ronneland,D (2684)-Osnos,V (2768) 54/146 Barcelona 1992 (9)]
4...Nf6 5.c4N
[5.0-0 0-0 6.b3 c5 7.Bb2 Ne4 *(7...cxd4 8.Nxd4 Re8 9.c4 e5 10.Nf3 d4 11.e3 Bg4 12.h3 Bxf3 13.Bxf3 e4 14.Bg2 d3 15.Nd2 Nc6 16.Rc1 b6 17.Bxf6 Bxf6 18.Nxe4 Bg7 19.Nc3 Rc8 20.Bxc6 Rxc6 21.Nd5 Qd7 22.Kg2* 1-0 (51) Alingh Prins,J-Devriese,J NED-ch17 corr 1987 *)* 8.Qc1 Nc6 9.dxc5 Nxc5 10.Bxg7 Kxg7 11.Rd1 e5 12.Qb2 f6 13.c4 d4 14.b4 Qb6 15.a3 a5 16.b5 Ne7 17.a4 Be6 18.Nbd2 Nc6 19.Ne1 Nb4 ½-½ (110) Grinza,A (2180)-Porchel,B (1978) Titled Tuesday intern op 06th Dec Late blitz 2022 (2) 20.Ra3 Bf5 21.Nb3 Rac8 22.Rc1 Rf7 23.Nxc5 Qxc5 24.Nd3 Bxd3 25.exd3 b6 26.Rb3 Re8

27.Re1 Rfe7 28.Qd2 f5 29.f3 Qd6 30.Re2 h6 31.Rb1 Qf6 32.Rxb4 axb4 33.Qxb4 Ra7 34.Ra2 Qg5 ½-½ (110) Ghevondyan,A (2180)-Hertlein,I (1978) Ceske Budejovice op 2023 (2)]

5...c6 6.0-0 0-0 7.a4 a5 8.Na3 Na6 9.cxd5 White is slightly better. **9...cxd5 10.Qb3** Repels Qb6 **10...Nb4 11.Bd2 Nc6 12.Nb5 Bf5 13.Rac1 Rc8 14.Bf4 Nh5 15.Be3 Nf6 16.h3 Be4** 0.72/20

[16...h5± 0.36/23]

17.Bf4 Qb6 18.Be3 0.15/20

[18.Rfd1± 0.69/22]

18...Rfd8 0.54/23

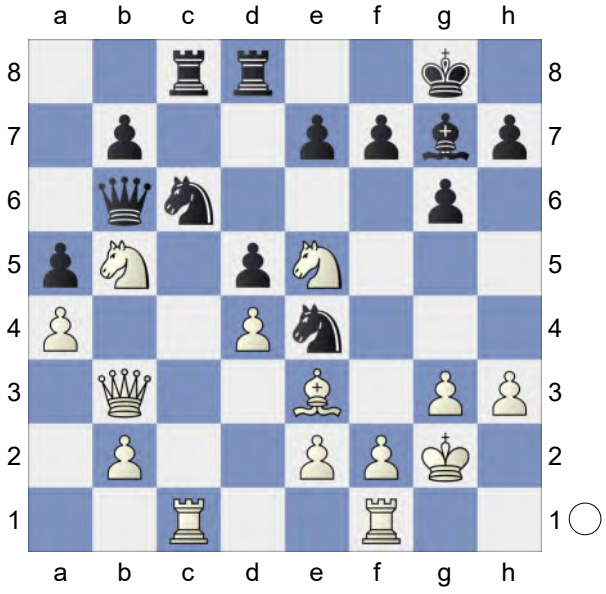
[18...Nb4= 0.15/20]

19.Ne5

[19.Rc3!?]

19...Bxg2 20.Kxg2 Threatens to win with Nxf7! **20...Ne4?** 3.06/21

[20...Qa6± 0.45/21]

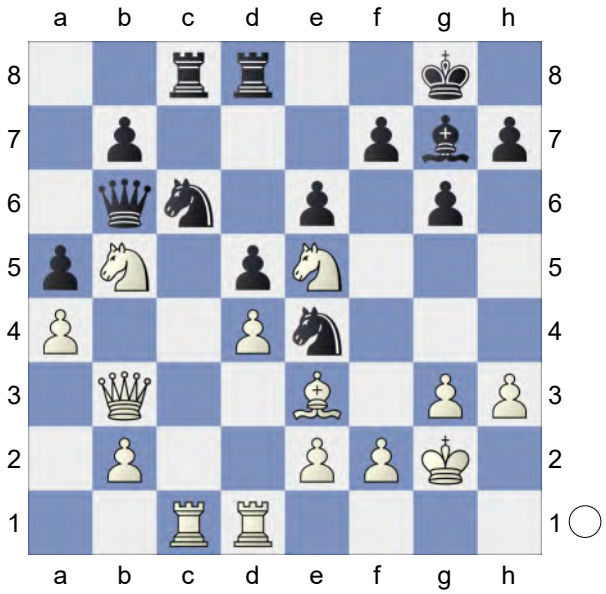


21.Rfd1? 0.31/21

[21.Nxf7!+- 3.06/21 Rd7 *(21...Kxf7? 22.Nd6+* Discovered Attack *Nxd6 23.Qxb6+-)* 22.Ne5]

21...e6? 2.17/19

[Black should play 21...Nb4± 0.31/21]



22.f3? -0.33/22

[22.Nxf7!+- 2.17/19 f3! would now be deadly. Rf8 *(22...Kxf7? 23.Nd6+* Discovered Attack *Nxd6 24.Qxb6+-)* 23.Ne5]

22...Nd6∓ 23.Rc2 -0.81/25

[23.Rc5!∓ -0.31/20]

23...Nxb5∓ White is now going downhill.

24.axb5? -2.94/23

[24.Rdc1∓ -0.95/23 was called for.]

24...Nb4

[Stronger than 24...Nxe5 25.dxe5 a4 26.Bxb6±]

25.Rxc8 Rxc8 26.Nd3 Qxb5 27.Nxb4? -5.22/22

[27.h4 -2.89/18 is a better defense.]

27...Qxe2+-+

[Less strong is 27...Qxb4 28.Qxb4 axb4 29.Ra1∓]

[Weaker is 27...axb4 28.Kf1∓]

28.Bf2 axb4 29.Re1 Qc4 30.Qe3 Qa2 31.Re2 Qb1 32.Qb3 Rc4 33.Qa4 Bxd4 34.Bxd4 Rxd4 Endgame. KQR-KQR **35.Qe8+?** -5.67/5

[35.Qa7 -3.54/19 Rc4 36.Qb8+ Kg7 37.Qe5+ Kh6 38.Qh8]

35...Kg7 36.Qb8 Qe5+ is the strong

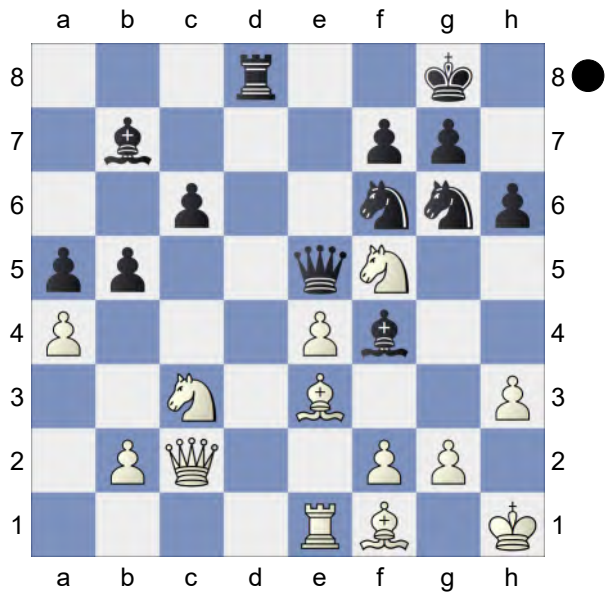
threat. **36...Qf5 37.g4 Qf4 38.Qxb7 Rd2 39.Rxd2 Qxd2+** KQ-KQ **40.Kg3 Qxb2 41.Qc7 Qc3 42.Qa5 Qe5+ 43.Kg2 b3 44.Qb5 b2 45.h4 Qc3** White must now prevent ...Qc2+. **46.Kg3 Qe1+ 47.Kf4 b1Q**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.61/ Black=0.50
0-1

D46
□ **Sasikiran,K.** **2707**
■ **Muzychuk,A.** **2606**
ACP Golden Classic (1) 14.07.2012
[Kitty Kat]

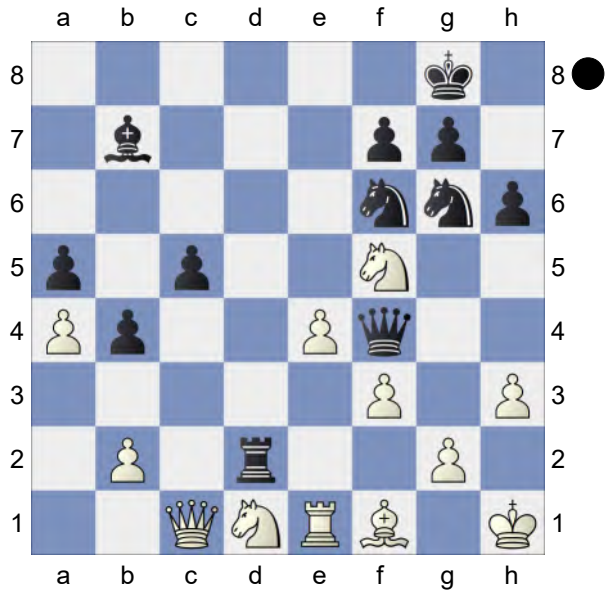
D46: Semi-Slav: 5 e3 Nbd7 6 Bd3, Black avoids the Meran
My analysis of this game is much lighter than I'd usually go, as I mainly picked it to show a typical tactical motif (the Greek Gift) and how it can play out in the Semi-Slav. **1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.Nc3 e6 5.e3 Nbd7 6.Qc2 Bd6 7.Bd3**
[7.g4 Bb4 8.Bd2 Qe7 9.Bd3 dxc4 10.Bxc4 b5 11.Be2 Bb7 12.g5 Bxc3 13.bxc3 Nd5 14.a4 bxa4 15.c4 Nb4 16.Qxa4 c5 17.Bxb4 cxb4 18.c5 Bd5 19.Qxb4 0-0 20.Rg1 e5 21.Qc3 Rab8 ½-½ (35) Grankin,F (2704)-Louvrier Saint Mary,J (2619) corr 32/ 521 1977 (3)]
[7.b3 0-0 8.Be2 b6 9.0-0 Bb7 10.Bb2 Qe7 11.Rad1 Rad8 12.Rfe1 Rfe8 13.Bf1 e5 14.cxd5 e4 15.Ne5 Nxe5 16.dxe5 Bxe5 17.dxc6 Bxh2+ 18.Kxh2 Ng4+ 19.Kg3 Qe5+ 20.f4 Qh5 21.Rxd8 Qh2+ 0-1 (25) Pelletier, Y (2541)-Gelfand,B (2724) 6th Zurich Opening Blitz 2017 (1.1)]
7...0-0 8.0-0N
[8.b3 Re8 *(8...e5 9.cxd5 cxd5 10.Nb5 Bb8 11.dxe5 Nxe5 12.Nxe5 Bxe5 13.Bb2 Qa5+ 14.Bc3 Bxc3+ 15.Qxc3 Qxc3+ 16.Nxc3 Bd7 17.0-0 Rfc8 18.Rac1* D 46/09 2003*)* 9.Bb2 e5 10.dxe5 Nxe5 11.Nxe5 Bxe5 12.0-0-0 Bd7 13.h3 b5 14.g4 bxc4 15.bxc4 Rb8 16.f4 Bxc3 17.Bxc3 Rxe3 18.Rde1 Qe7 19.Kd2 Re8 20.Be5 Rg3 21.Re2 dxc4 22.Qxc4 Be6 0-1 Anam78-Gordeev corr SUI/ open5/1 (SUI) 2022 (1)]
[8.Bd2 Qe7 9.0-0 e5 10.cxd5 cxd5 11.e4 exd4 12.Nxd5 Nxd5 13.exd5 Ne5 14.Nxd4 D 46/09 2003]
8...dxc4 9.Bxc4 b5 10.Bd3 Bb7 11.a3 a5 12.e4 Black must now prevent e5. **12...e5 13.Rd1 Qc7 14.h3** White has an edge. **14...Rfd8 15.Bg5** 0.00/25
[15.Be3± 0.36/24]
15...h6 16.Be3 exd4 17.Nxd4 Ne5 0.40/24
[17...b4!= 0.00/22 18.Na4 bxa3]
18.Bf1± Ng6 19.Nf5 Strongly threatening Rxd6. **19...Bh2+ 20.Kh1** g3 is the strong threat. **20...Be5 21.Rac1 Rxd1 22.Nxd1 Rd8 23.Nc3 Qb8 24.Bb6 Bc7 25.Be3 Bf4 26.a4 Qe5** And now ...b4 would win.
[26...Bxe3 simplifies 27.Nxe3 b4 28.Ne2 Nf4]
27.Re1 -1.33/23
[27.Rd1= -0.28/23 remains equal. Rxd1 28.Qxd1]

(Diagram)

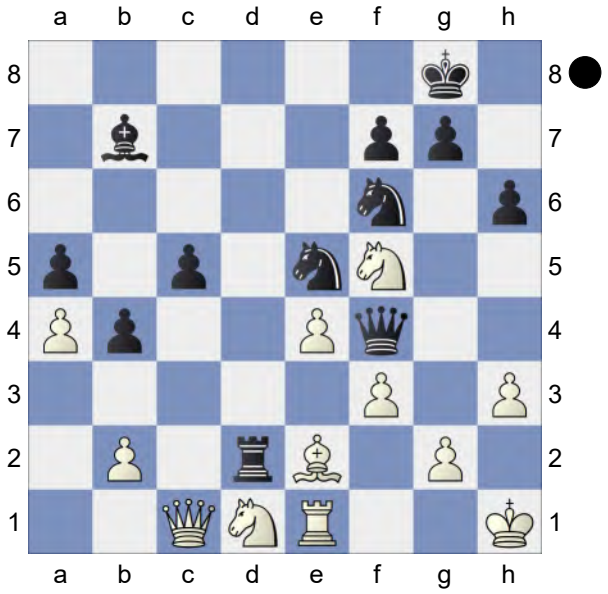
27...b4!∓ 28.Bxf4 -1.95/23
[28.Nb1∓ -1.29/21]
28...Qxf4 -1.15/21
[28...Nxf4-+ -1.95/23 29.Nb1 c5]



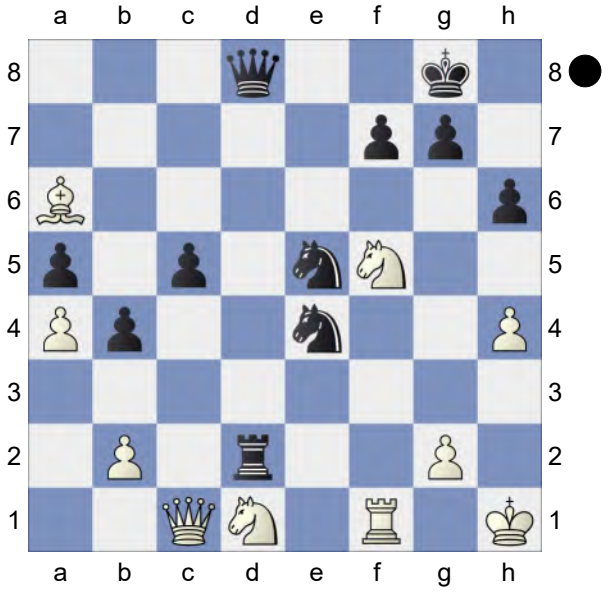
29.Nd1 Rd2 -0.57/20
[29...Ne5∓ -1.29/19 ...g6 would now be deadly. 30.Kg1 h5 *(30...Rd2 31.Qc1=)*]
30.Qc1!∓ c5 Black is much more active.
[Much weaker is 30...Nxe4?! 31.Rxe4 Qxe4 32.Nxh6+ gxh6 33.Qxd2±]
31.f3 -2.73/22
[31.Ng3!∓ -0.69/21]



Loses the game. **31...Ne5!→** (-> ...Nxf3!). Black is out for blood.
32.Be2 -4.17/24
[32.Nh4 -2.32/22 was the only chance.]



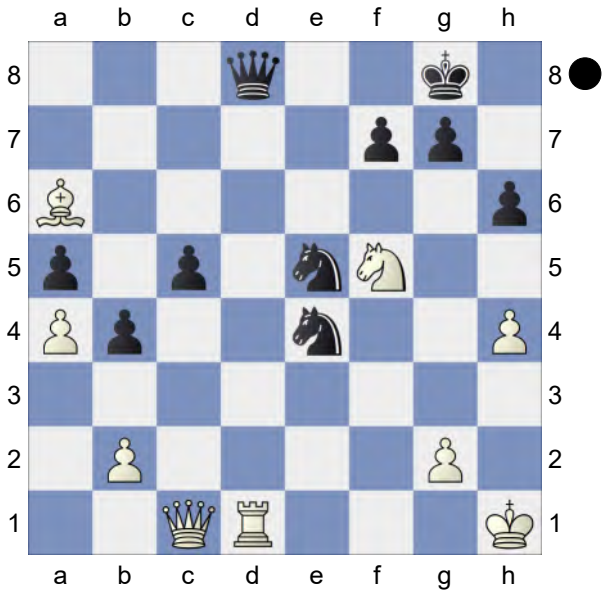
32...Bxe4! 33.fxe4 Nxe4 34.Rf1 Qg5 Against Ne7+. aiming for ...Nd3! **35.h4 Qd8 36.Ba6**

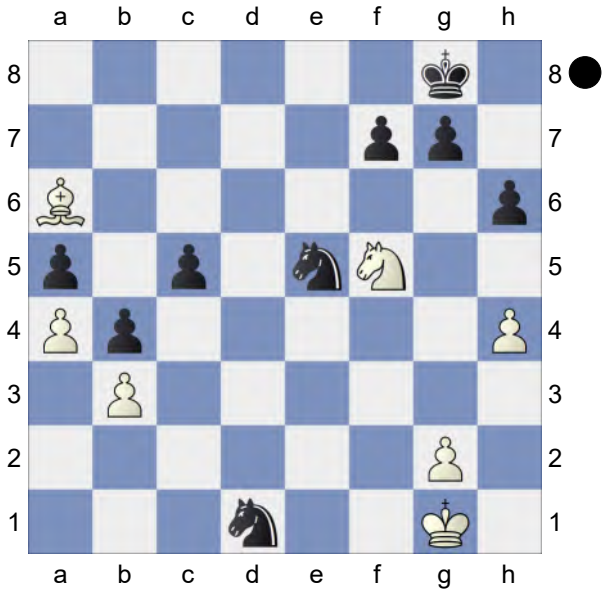


Rxd1! Remove Defender, Decoy. Black is clearly winning. **37.Rxd1**

(Diagram)

Qxd1+ 38.Qxd1 Nf2+ A dynamic duo of knights. **39.Kg1 Nxd1 40.b3**





c4!

Weighted Error Value: White=0.39/ Black=0.14 (very precise)

0-1

A34

□ **Le,Quang Liem** **2693**

■ **Muzychuk,A.** **2606**

ACP Golden Classic (4) 18.07.2012

[Kitty Kat]

A34: Symmetrical English: 2 Nc3, lines with ...d5

1.c4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Nc3 e5 4.e3 Nf6 5.Be2N

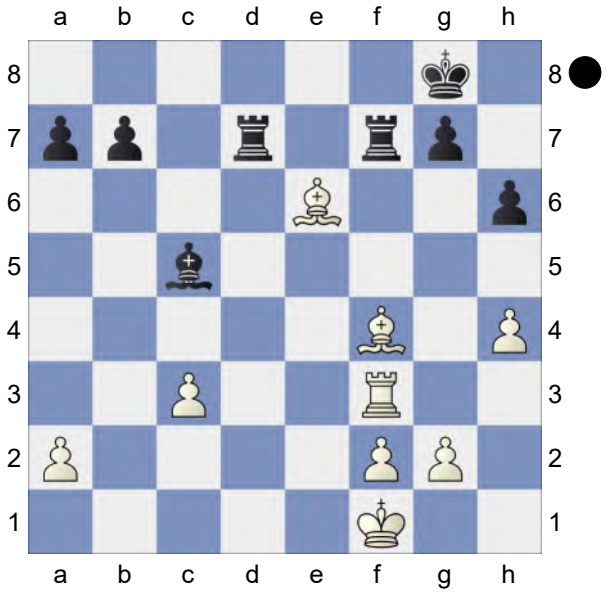
[5.d4

A) 5...e4 6.d5 exf3 7.dxc6 bxc6 *(7...fxg2 8.cxd7+ Qxd7 9.Bxg2 Qxd1+ 10.Nxd1 Bd6 11.b3 Be5 12.Bb2 Bxb2 13.Nxb2* 2c2) Symmetry 2...c5: 4...e5-Symmetrical with 3...Nc6 and Lifetime Repertoires: Modern Reti - Par 2024 *)* 8.Qxf3 d5 9.cxd5 Bg4 10.Qg3 Bd6 11.f4 cxd5 12.Nxd5 Nxd5 13.Qxg4 0-0 14.Qd1 2c2) Symmetry 2...c5: 4...e5-Symmetrical with 3...Nc6 and Lifetime Repertoires: Modern Reti - Par 2024;

B) 5...cxd4 6.exd4 e4 7.Ne5 Bd6 8.Ng4 Nxg4 9.Qxg4 0-0 10.Bh6 Qf6 11.Be3 Bb4 12.Qxe4 d5 13.Qxd5 Bf5 14.0-0-0 Rfd8 15.Qf3 Nxd4 16.Nd5 Nxf3 17.Nxf6+ gxf6 18.Rxd8+ Rxd8 19.gxf3 2c2) Symmetry 2...c5: 4...e5-Symmetrical with 3...Nc6 and Lifetime Repertoires: Modern Reti - Par 2024]

[5.b3 g6 6.Bb2 Bg7 7.Be2 0-0 8.d3 d5 9.cxd5 Nxd5 10.Rc1 Be6 11.0-0 b6 12.Qc2 Rc8 13.Qb1 f5 14.Qa1 Qe7 15.Nb1 Bf7 16.Nbd2 Rfe8 17.Rfe1 Rcd8 18.a3 Na5 19.Bd1 g5 0-1 (32) Jeanrenaud,A (2480)-10.f4 Qa5 11.Bc4 (2545) II 12/228 Amsterdam 1971 (4)]

5...d5 6.d4 exd4 7.exd4 Be6 8.cxd5 Nxd5 9.0-0 Be7 10.dxc5 The position is equal. **10...Nxc3 11.bxc3 Qxd1 12.Rxd1 Bxc5 13.Ng5 0-0 14.Bf4 Rac8 15.Nxe6 fxe6 16.Bg3 Rcd8 17.Bc4 Kf7 18.Re1 Rfe8 19.Re4 Rd2 20.Rae1 Nd8 21.Kf1 Re7** 1.12/20
[21...b6± 0.69/21 deserves consideration.]
22.Rf4+± Kg8 23.Rf3 h6 24.Bf4 Rdd7 25.h4 White is more active. **25...Rf7 26.Rxe6**
[Much weaker is 26.Bxe6 Nxe6 27.Rxe6 Be7=]
26...Nxe6 27.Bxe6



Hoping for Be3! Pin. A strong pair of Bishops. **27...Kh7 28.Bxf7 Rxf7** Endgame. KRB-KRB **29.Ke2 Rf6! 30.Be3 Rc6 31.Kd3 Bxe3 32.Rxe3±** 0.16/30 KR-KR
[32.fxe3± 0.93/26 Black must now prevent e4. Rd6+ 33.Kc4]
32...Rd6+= 33.Kc2 Re7 would now be deadly. **33...Ra6 34.Kb2** And now Re7 would win. **34...Rb6+ 35.Kc1 Ra6 36.Re2 Kg6 37.g3 Kf6 38.Rb2 Ra3 39.Kb1**
[Resist 39.Rxb7 Rxc3+ 40.Kb1 Ra3±]
39...b6 40.Rb3 Ra5 41.Rb4 g5 42.Rd4 Ke6 43.Re4+ Kd6 44.Rd4+ Ke6 45.hxg5 hxg5 46.g4 Re5 47.Kc2 Re2+ 48.Rd2 Rxd2+ 49.Kxd2 Ke5 50.Ke3
[50.Ke2!? Kf4□ 51.f3=]
50...b5 51.Kf3 0.49/25
[51.Ke2= 0.03/34 Ke4 52.f3+ Ke5 53.Ke3]
51...Kd5!
Weighted Error Value: White=0.07 (flawless) /Black=0.04 (flawless)
½-½

B51
□ **Muzychuk,A.** **2606**
■ **Jobava,Ba** **2730**
ACP Golden Classic (3) 16.07.2012
[Kitty Kat]

B51: Sicilian: Moscow Variation (3 Bb5+) without 3...Bd7
1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 d6
[3...e6 4.d4 Nge7 5.c3 cxd4 6.cxd4 d5 7.exd5 Nxd5 8.0-0 Bd7 9.Nc3 Be7 10.Re1 0-0 11.a3 Rc8 12.Bd3 Re8 13.Be4 Nxc3 14.bxc3 Bf6 15.Qd3 g6 16.Bh6 Qc7 17.c4 Red8 18.Rad1 1-0 (72) Grischuk,A (2709)-Radjabov,T (2728) World Blitz Rishon Le Zion ISR 2006 (2)]
4.0-0N
[4.b3 Bd7 5.Bb2 a6 6.Bc4 Nf6 7.e5 dxe5 8.Nxe5 Nxe5 9.Bxe5 Bc6 10.0-0 e6 11.Re1 Nd7 12.Bb2 Qg5 13.Bf1 Bd6 14.d4 Nf6 15.d5 0-0-0 16.dxc6 Bxh2+ 17.Kxh2 Rxd1 18.cxb7+ Kxb7 0-1 (30) Aarush,R (2097)-Borwell,A (2578) 42/131 Baku 1986 (8) 19.Rxd1 Qh5+ 20.Kg1 Qxd1 21.Na3 Qh5 22.g3 Rd8

23.Bg2+ Kc8 24.Bxf6 Rd1+ 25.Rxd1 Qxd1+ 26.Kh2 gxf6 27.Be4 Qf1 28.Bd3 Qxf2+ 29.Kh3 f5 30.Nc4 Qg1 0-1 Katz,F (2097)-Abbasov,F (2578) Rohde op 08th 2008 (8)]

4...Bd7 5.Re1 Nf6 6.h3 e6 7.c3 Be7 8.d4 cxd4 White is slightly better. **9.cxd4 d5 10.e5 Ne4 11.Nbd2** 0.36/25

[11.Bd3± 0.73/21]

11...Nxd2 12.Bxd2 Qb6

[12...Nxe5 13.Nxe5 Bxb5 14.Qg4±]

13.a4 0-0 14.Bc3 Rfc8 1.05/22

[14...f5± 0.66/23]

15.Qd2 a6 16.Bd3 a5 17.Nh2 Nb4 18.Bb1 Qd8 19.Ng4 h5 20.Ne3 Ra6 21.f4 h4 22.f5 Bg5 23.Qf2 Rac6 24.Qf3? -1.24/20

[24.Rf1± 1.03/22 keeps the pressure on.]

24...Rxc3!∓ 25.bxc3 Rxc3 26.f6 -2.68/21 **gxf6-+ 27.Qh5** Strongly threatening Qh7+. **27...f5** -1.92/22

[27...Bxe3+? 28.Rxe3 Rc1+ *(28...Rxe3? 29.Qh7+ Kf8 30.Qh8+ Ke7 31.exf6+ Kd6 32.Qxd8+-)* 29.Kh2+-]

[⌓27...Rxe3 -3.22/25 28.Qh7+ Kf8 29.Qh8+ Ke7 30.exf6+ Bxf6 31.Qxd8+ Kxd8 32.Rxe3 Bxd4 Pin, Double Attack]

28.Ng4 Kg7 Prevents Nh6

[28...fxg4 29.Qh7+ Kf8 30.Qh8+ Ke7 31.Qg7=]

29.Kh1 Nc6

[29...fxg4 30.Qh7+ Kf8 31.Rf1+-]

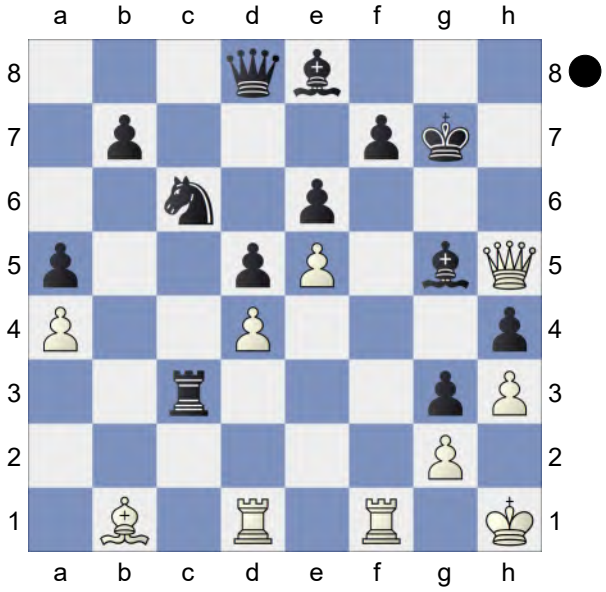
30.Rd1 Be8

[30...fxg4 31.Qh7+ Kf8 32.Bg6=]

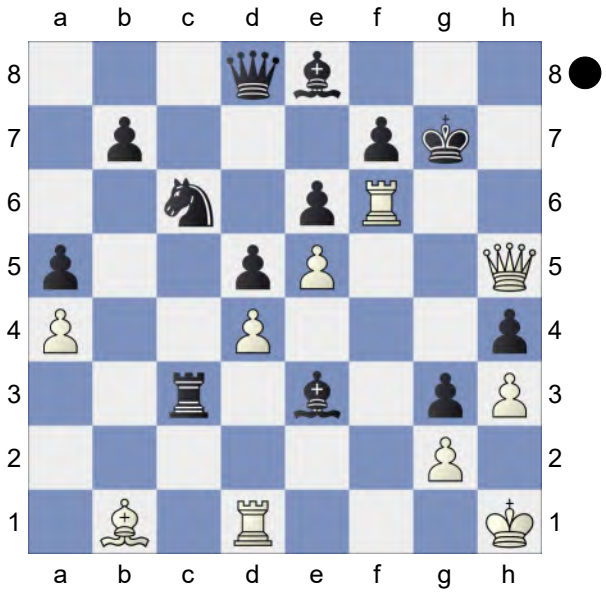
31.Ra2 fxg4 32.Rf2 Rdf1 would now be deadly. **32...g3**

[32...gxh3 33.Rdf1 hxg2+ *(33...Nxd4 34.Qh7+ Kf8 35.Rxf7+ Bxf7 36.Qxf7#)* 34.Kxg2 Rg3+ *(34...Nxd4 35.Qh7+ Kf8 36.Rxf7+ Bxf7 37.Qxf7#)* 35.Kh1 Rh3+ *(35...Nxd4 36.Qh7+ Kf8 37.Rxf7+ Bxf7 38.Qxf7#)* 36.Kg2 Rg3+ 37.Kh1 Rh3+ *(37...Nxd4 38.Qh7+ Kf8 39.Rxf7+ Bxf7 40.Qxf7#)* 38.Kg2 Rg3+=]

33.Rff1



Be3! 34.Rf6



Nxd4? 0.00/29

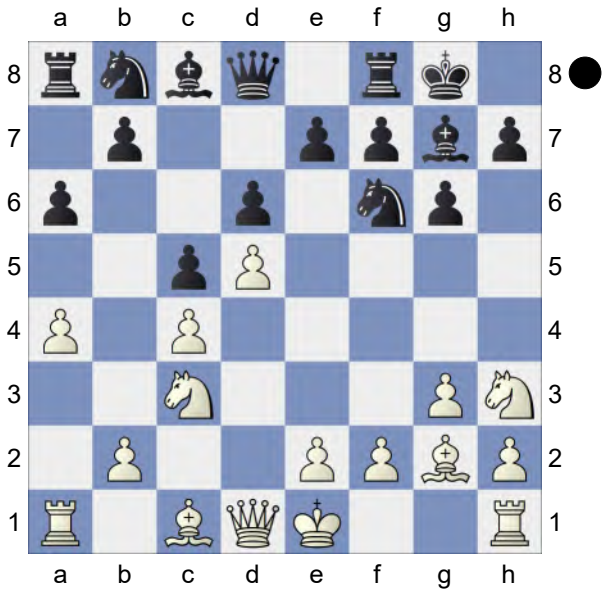
[34...Bxd4 35.Qh6+ Kg8 36.Bh7+ Kh8 37.Qf8+ Kxh7 38.Rh6#]

[34...Qb6!-+ -1.72/24 aiming for ... Kf8. 35.Qg4+ Kf8 36.Qxe6 Qxd4

(36...Bxd4? 37.Rf3-+)]
35.Qh7+= The position is equal. **35...Kf8** And now ...Qc7 would win. **36.Bg6 Qc7** Hoping for ...Rc1.
[36...Bxa4 37.Qxf7#]
37.Qh8+ Ke7 38.Bxf7 Bxf7 39.Qg7 Some like it hot **39...Ke8**
[Inferior is 39...Qxe5 40.Rxf7+ *(40.Qxf7+ Kd6=)* 40...Kd6 41.Qf8+ *(41.Rxb7?* is the wrong capture. *Qxg7 42.Rxg7 Ra3-+; 41.Rd7+ Kc6±)* 41...Kc6 42.Qc8+ Skewer, Double Attack Kb6 43.Rxb7+ Ka6 44.Qa8#]
40.Qh8+ Ke7 Black had all chances to win.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.20 (precise) /Black=0.26 (precise)
½-½

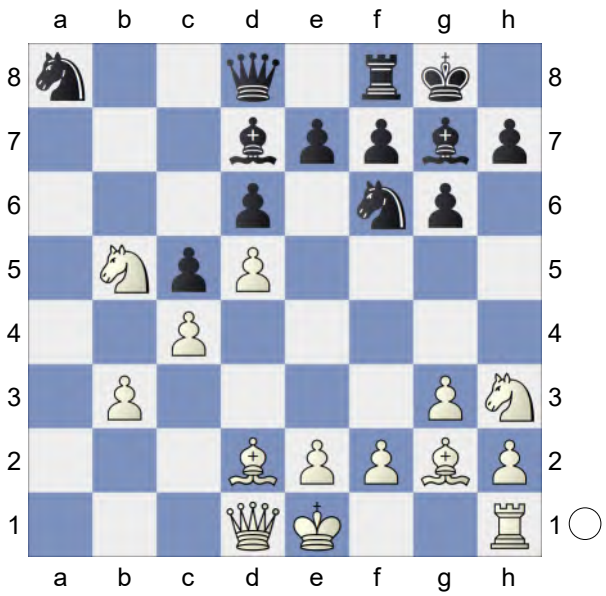
E61
□ **Karpov,Ana** **2628**
■ **Muzychuk,A.** **2561**
5th Karpov Trophy Prelim rapid (12.2)
[Kitty Kat]

E61: King's Indian: Early deviations for White, including Smyslov System
Bareev,Evgeny: 'Bareev,E: 'Inf 52/46''
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.g3 c5 4.d5N
[4.Nf3 cxd4 5.Nxd4 d5 *(5...Bg7 6.Bg2 0-0 7.Nc3 Nc6 8.0-0 Nxd4 9.Qxd4 d6 10.Qd3 a6 11.Bg5 Rb8 12.a4 Be6 13.b3 Qa5 14.Qd2 Rfd8 15.Rfd1 Ng4 16.Rac1 Qb6 17.Ne4 f6 18.Bf4 Qxb3 19.h3 Ne5 20.Bxe5* 1-0 (59) Edouard,R (2653)-Mista,A (2582) Bundesliga 1314 2013 (4.3) *)* 6.Bg2 e5 *(6...Bg7 7.Nc2 Qa5+ 8.b4 Qc7 9.cxd5 Ng4 10.0-0 Bxa1 11.Nxa1 0-0 12.Nb3 Nd7 13.Qd4 Ngf6 14.Bb2 Qb6 15.Qc3 e5 16.dxe6 fxe6 17.N1d2 e5 18.Nc4 Qe6 19.Nc5 Qe7 20.Rd1 Nxc5 21.Nxe5* ½-½ (61) Bareev,E (2680)-Shirov,A (2610) Biel SKA 1991 (14) *)* 7.Nf3 d4 8.0-0 Nc6 9.e3 Bg4 10.Qb3 Bxf3 11.Bxf3 Qd7 12.Bxc6 bxc6 13.exd4 exd4 14.Bg5 Be7 15.Qf3 Ng8 16.Re1 0-0-0 17.Bxe7 Nxe7 18.Qxf7 Nf5 1-0 (41) 3.e5 Bf5 4.Ne2 e6-Peter,W Oesterreich 128/(9) 2016 19.Qxd7+ Rxd7 20.Nd2 d3 21.Rad1 Nd4 22.Kg2 Rhd8 23.Re5 Nc2 24.Ne4 d2 25.Kf1 Nb4 26.Nc5 Rd4 27.Ne6 Nd3 28.Rxd2 Rxc4 29.Nxd8 Nxe5 30.Kg2 Kc7 31.Ne6+ Kb6 32.Nf8 g5 33.Re2 Nd3 1-0 (41) 3.e5 ♗f5 4. ♘e2 e6_35829-Peter,W Oesterreich 128/(9) 2016]
4...Bg7 5.Nc3 d6 6.Bg2 0-0 7.Nh3 -0.17/21
[White should play 7.Nf3± 0.43/21]
7...a6= 8.a4



b5! 9.axb5 Black has an edge. **9...Nbd7 10.Bd2 Nb6! 11.b3 axb5 12.Rxa8 Nxa8 13.Nxb5 Bd7** 0.72/28
[13...Qb6!= -0.27/23]

(Diagram)

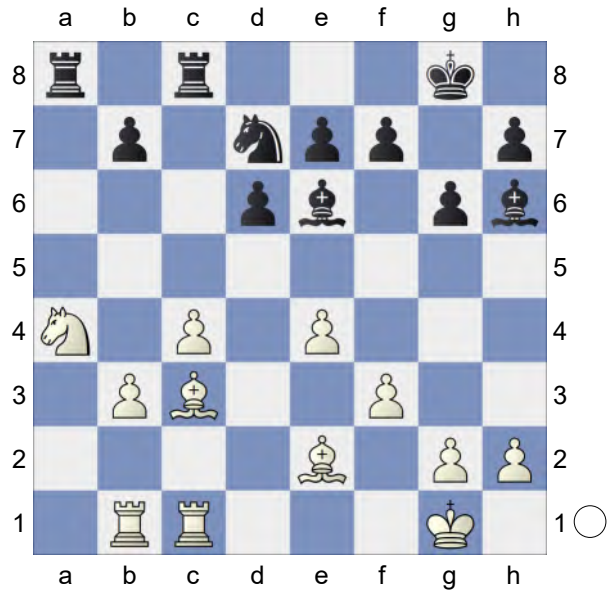


14.Nc3 0.10/23
[14.Na7!± 0.72/28]
14...Qb6 aiming for ...Rb8. **15.Na2 Bxh3**
[15...Rb8!? 16.Nc1□ Ne4±]
16.Bxh3 Ne4 ...Nxd2 is the strong threat. **17.Nc1 Nxd2 18.Qxd2 Nc7 19.Bd7 Ra8 20.0-0 Ra1 21.Ba4 Na6 22.Nd3 Rxf1+ 23.Kxf1 Nb4 24.Nf4 Qb7 25.e4 Qc8 26.Kg2 Bh6** 1.43/25
[26...Qg4= 0.16/24 remains equal.]
27.Qe2 0.00/25
[Only move: 27.Nxg6!± 1.43/25 hxg6 28.Qxh6]
27...Bg7 28.h4 Be5 29.Nh3 h6 30.h5 g5 The position is equal. **31.f4 gxf4 32.gxf4 Bd4 33.Kg3 Kh8 34.Kh2 Qg8 35.Qg2 Nd3 36.Qxg8+ Kxg8** Endgame. KBN-KBN **37.Kg3 Kg7 38.Kf3 f5 39.exf5 Kf6 40.Ke2 Nc1+ 41.Kd2 Na2 42.Bd7 Nb4 43.Ke2 Na2 44.Kd2 Nb4 45.Ke2 Na2**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.14 (very precise) /Black=0.14 (very precise)
½-½

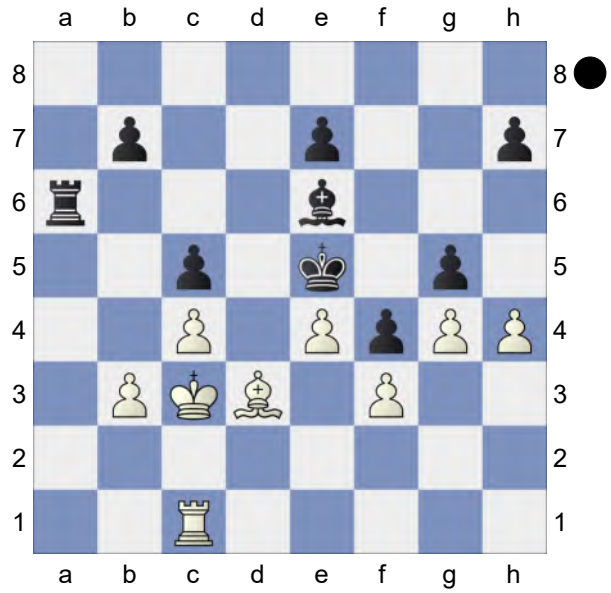
B36
□ **Muzychuk,A.** **2460**
■ **Petrosian,TL.** **2606**
6th Gibtelecom Masters (2) 23.01.2008
[Kitty Kat]

B36: Sicilian: Maroczy Bind: Gurgenidze System
1.e4 c5 2.c4 Nc6 3.Ne2 g6 4.d4 cxd4 5.Nxd4 Nf6 6.Nc3 d6 7.Be2 Nxd4 8.Qxd4 Bg7 9.Be3 0-0 10.Qd2 a5 11.0-0 a4 12.f3 Qa5 White has an edge. **13.Rab1 Be6 14.Rfc1 Rfc8 15.b3 axb3 16.axb3 Qb4 17.Na4** -0.19/21
[17.Qc2 0.26/20 is more appropriate.]
[17.Rc2 Nd7 18.Nd5 Qxd2 19.Rxd2 5.♗e2 0-0-0 6.♗e3 (2654)-Kaiser,W (2708) Brasil 104/(21) 2008]
[17.Nd5 Qxd2 18.Bxd2 Ra2 19.Nxe7+ Kf8 20.Nxc8 Rxd2 21.Nxd6 Nh5 22.Bf1 Rxd6 23.Rd1 Ra6 24.Rd2 Bc3 25.Rc2 Bb4 26.g3 Ra5 27.Kg2 f5 28.c5 fxe4 29.fxe4 Nf6 30.Bc4 Rxc5 31.Rf2 Ke7 0-1 (57) Hardaway,B (2459)-Yoo,C (2607) ch-USA Junior 2024 (6.2)]
17...Qxd2= 18.Bxd2 Nd7 19.Bc3N
[19.Bg5 Kf8 20.Be3 Rc6 21.f4 h5 22.Rf1 Bg4 23.Bd3 Nc5 24.Nxc5 dxc5 25.e5 Bf5 26.Bxf5 gxf5 27.Rfd1 b6 28.Ra1 Rxa1 29.Rxa1 f6 30.exf6 Bxf6 31.Rd1 Rd6 32.Rxd6 exd6 33.Kf2 Kf7 ö-ö (35) 10.a4 ♘ bd7 11.Nd2 Re8_12832 (1811)-Nayak,S (1646) II 108/(105) 2010 (4)]
[19.Be3 Rc6 20.f4 Nc5 21.Nxc5 dxc5 22.e5 f6 23.Bf3 Rc7 24.exf6 Bxf6 25.Be4 Ra2 26.Rc2 ½-½ Luebke,F (1980)-Cakl,Z (2079) Liberec op 22nd 2023 (7)]

19...Bh6



And now ...b5 would win. **20.Rc2 f5 21.Bd3 Be3+ 22.Kf1 f4 23.Ke2 Rc6 24.Bb2 Nc5 25.Nxc5 dxc5 26.Bc1 Bxc1 27.Rcxc1 Kf7 28.Ra1 Rca6 29.Rxa6 Rxa6∓** Endgame. KRB-KRB **30.Kd2 Kf6 31.Kc3 Ke5 32.g4 g5 33.h4** -1.76/29



gxh4 -0.33/22

[33...h5!-+ -1.76/29 34.gxh5 gxh4]

34.Rh1 Bf7 35.Rxh4 Bg6 36.Rh1 Kf6 37.Bc2 Kg5 38.e5? -2.97/23

[Better is 38.Kb2∓ -0.37/24]

38...Ra2-+ 39.Bxg6 -5.05/29

[39.Bd1 -2.08/20]

39...hxg6 KR-KR. Black is clearly winning. **40.Rh7 Rf2 41.Rxe7 Rxf3+ 42.Kc2 Re3 43.Re6 f3** ...Kf4! would now be deadly. **44.Rf6 Kh4 45.Kd2 Re2+**

[45...Rxe5 46.Rxf3 Re7 *(46...Kxg4 47.Rf7=)* 47.Rf1∓ *(47.Rf6? g5∓)*]

46.Kd3 Kg3

[Weaker is 46...Rxe5 47.Rxf3 Re6 *(47...Kxg4 48.Rf7=)* 48.Rf1∓]

47.Rf7

Weighted Error Value: White=0.49/ Black=0.08 (flawless)

0-1

B33

□ **Kurnosov,I.** **2666**

■ **Muzychuk,A.** **2532**

9th Amplico Life Rapid (6) 19.12.2009

[Kitty Kat]

B33: Sicilian: Pelikan and Sveshnikov Variations

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.d4 cxd4 5.Nxd4 e5 6.Ndb5 d6 7.Bg5 a6 8.Na3 b5 9.Nd5 Be7 10.Bxf6 Bxf6 11.c3 Bg5 12.Nc2 Rb8 13.Qf3 Be6 14.Rd1 a5 15.a3 -0.13/24

[⌓15.Na3 0.30/21]

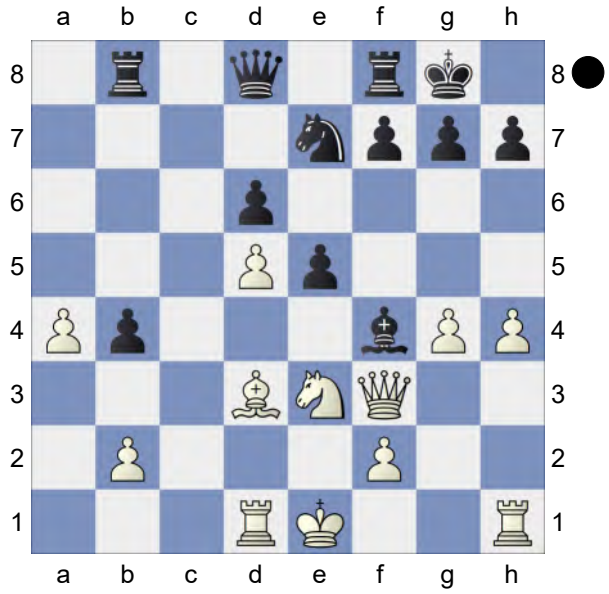
15...Ne7 16.h4 Bh6 17.g4 Hoping for g5. **17...Bxd5 18.exd5 Bf4 19.Bd3 0-0N**

[19...Qd7 20.Ke2 h5 21.Rdg1 g6 22.Nd4 hxg4 23.Rxg4 Nxd5 24.Rhg1 Nc7 25.Bxg6 exd4 26.Rxf4 fxg6 27.Re4+ Ne6 28.Qf6 Rh7 29.Rxg6 Qf7 30.Rxe6+ Kf8 31.Qxd4 Re8 32.Qxd6+ Cioara,A (2424)-Miron, L (2496) 126/(160) Romania 2015]

20.Ne3 b4 21.cxb4 -1.47/24

[21.axb4= -0.14/20 keeps the balance. Bxe3 *(21...axb4 22.Ng2=)* 22.fxe3]

21...axb4∓ 22.a4



b3! 23.0-0 Rb4 24.Ra1? -2.88/22 Now White is beyond hope.

[24.Ng2∓ -1.24/18]

24...Ng6 25.h5 -4.08/23

[25.Ng2 -1.99/20]

25...Nh4 26.Qh3 White is weak on the dark squares **26...Qg5 27.Ng2** -4.31/21

[27.Nf5 -2.70/21 was necessary. Nxf5 28.Bxf5]

27...Nxg2-+ 28.Kxg2 f5 29.Be2 Bd2 30.a5 fxg4 31.Qg3

(Diagram)

Rf3! Decoy **32.Bxf3**

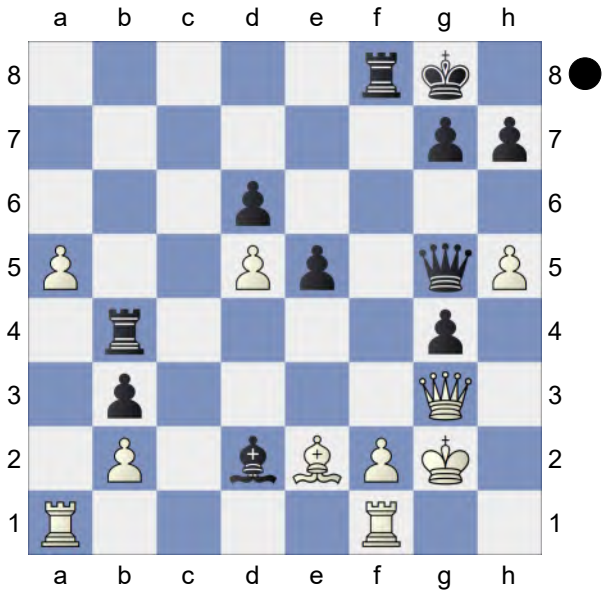
[32.a6 Rxg3+]

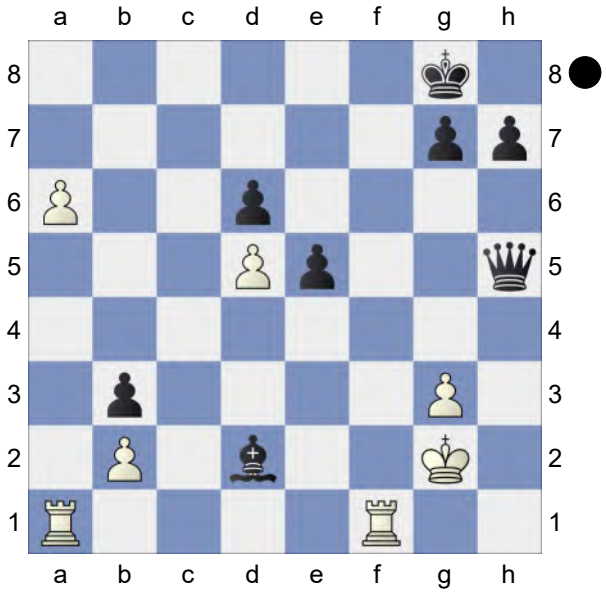
32...gxf3+ 33.Kxf3 Qxh5+ 34.Kg2 Strongly threatening a6. **34...Rg4** Pin **35.a6** a7! is the strong threat.

35...Rxg3+ 36.fxg3

(Diagram)

And now a7 would win. **36...Be3**





[36...Qe2+ 37.Rf2 Qe4+ 38.Kh2∓]

37.Rf3 Bd4 38.a7

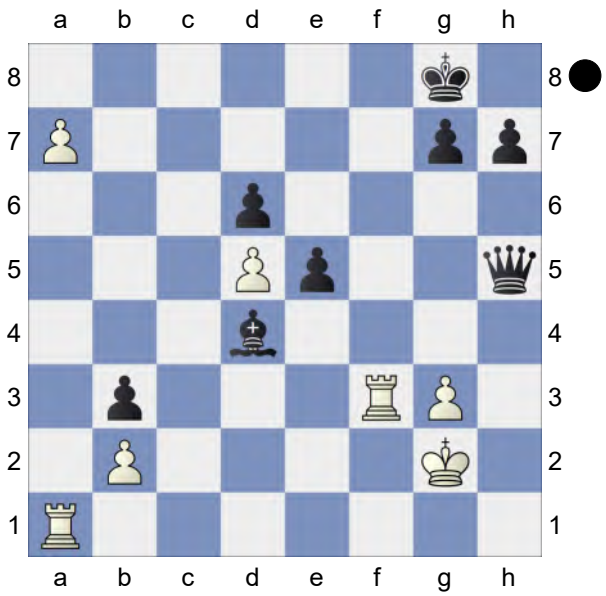
(Diagram)

Bxa7 39.Rxa7 Endgame. White wants to mate with Ra8+. KQ-KRR **39...h6** aiming for ...e4. **40.Rb7?** -5.25/19

[40.g4 -2.31/22 Qxg4+ 41.Rg3 Qe4+ 42.Kh2]

40...e4 Black is clearly winning.

41.Rfxb3 Qxd5 Threatens to win with ... e3+. **42.Rb8+ Kh7** ...e3+ would now be



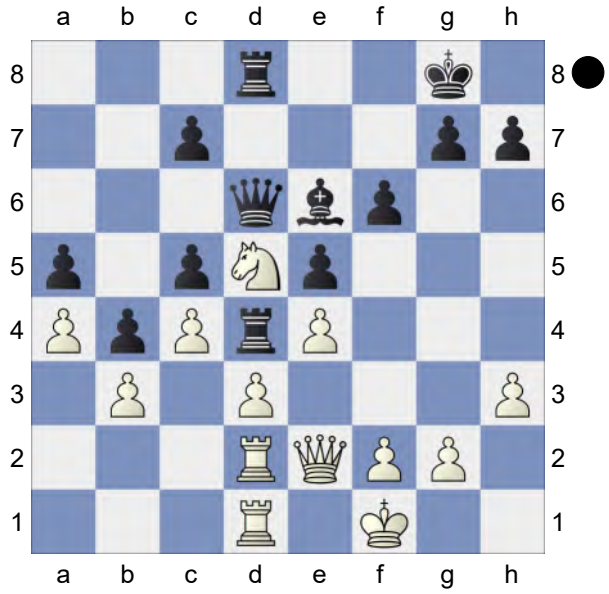
deadly. **43.Rc3 e3+ 44.Kh2 Qe5 45.Rc1 d5 46.Ra8 Qxb2+**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.79/ Black=0.23 (precise)
0-1

C77

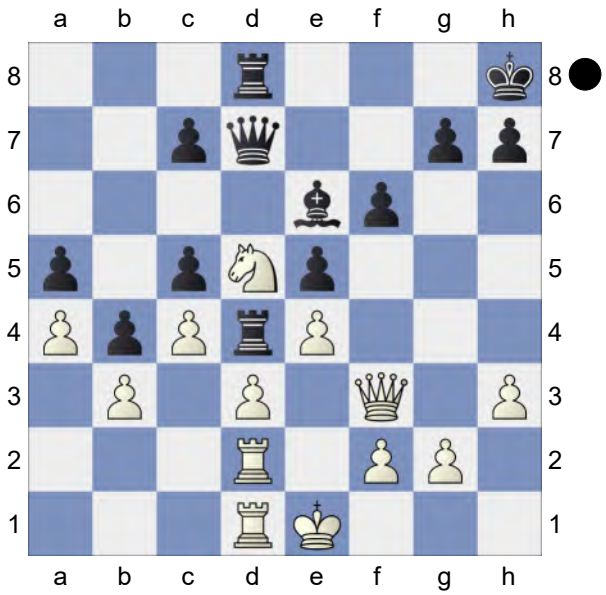
□ **Vallejo Pons,F.** **2716**
■ **Muzychuk,A.** **2561**
Beautiful Minds 2016 rapid (8.6)
[Kitty Kat]

C77: Ruy Lopez: 3...a6 4 Ba4 Nf6, unusual lines
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.d3 Bc5 6.Bxc6 dxc6 7.Nbd2
[7.Nxe5? Qd4 8.Qe2 Qxe5-+]
[7.0-0 Qe7 8.Nbd2 Bg4 9.h3 Bh5 10.Nc4 Nd7 11.Bd2 0-0-0 12.Rb1 f5 13.exf5 e4 14.g4 exf3 15.gxh5 b5 16.b4 Ba7 17.Qxf3 bxc4 18.Qxc6 Ne5 19.Qa8+ Kd7 20.Qe4 Nc6 21.Qxc4 Nd4 ½-½ (30) Modestov,B (2668)-11.e5 ♘d5 12. ♘c5_15777 (2550) ROM-chT Romania 1994 (2.5)]
7...Be6N
[7...Qe7 8.Nc4 Ng4 *(8...Nd7 9.0-0 0-0 10.Be3 Bd6 11.Nfd2 Re8 12.a4 Nf8 13.a5 Be6* Spanish 5.d3 Bc5-Spanish,A *)* 9.0-0 f6 10.h3 h5 11.Nh4 Qf7 12.Qe2 g5 13.Nf5 Bxf5 14.exf5 0-0-0 15.g3 h4 16.Kg2 Nxf2 17.g4 Qd5+ 18.Kh2 e4 19.Rxf2 exd3 20.cxd3 Rhe8 21.Qf3 Bxf2 22.Qxf2 0-1 (25) Spielvorschlag Gegen F4-2. The Classical 7. a4 corr 49.DFM/V1 2017]
[7...0-0 8.Nc4 Re8 9.0-0 Nd7 10.Kh1 b5 11.Ne3 Nf8 12.Rg1 Ng6 13.g3 a5 14.a4 b4 15.Qe2 Bd4 16.h4 c5 17.h5 Nf8 18.g4 Ne6 19.Nf5 Ra6 20.g5 Rc6 21.Rb1 Nf4 22.Bxf4 1-0 (24) Galje,H (2351)-Webster,R (2374) corr WS/MN/A/49 2024]
8.Qe2
[8.Nxe5? Qd4 9.Rf1 Qxe5-+]
8...Nd7 9.Nb3 Black must now prevent Nxc5. **9...Bb6 10.Be3 Qe7 11.Bxb6 Nxb6 12.0-0**
[12.Nxe5? Bxb3 13.Nxc6 Qc5 *(13...bxc6 14.axb3 a5 15.0-0∓)* 14.axb3 Qxc6-+ *(14...bxc6? 15.Qd2∓)*]
12...f6 13.Qe3 Na4 Prevents Nc5. **14.Rfb1 c5** 0.19/22
[⌓14...0-0-0 -0.25/22]
15.Na5= b6 16.Nc4 0-0 17.Ncd2 -0.15/26
[17.Qe1 0.28/24 is more appropriate.]
17...Rfd8 18.Nf1 Qf7 0.28/23
[⌓18...c4 -0.15/21]
19.c4 -0.31/21
[White should try 19.h3= 0.28/23]
19...b5!∓ 20.b3 Nc3 21.Rb2 Qd7 0.23/25
[Black should play 21...Qf8 -0.30/28]
22.Rd2 -0.28/26

[⌓22.Rc1 0.23/25 b4 23.Qxc5]
22...Qd6= 23.Rc1 b4 24.h3 a5 25.a4 Rd7 26.Ng3 Rad8 27.Ne2 Nxe2+ 28.Qxe2 Qe7 29.Ne1 Qd6 30.Nc2 Qe7 31.Ne3 Rd4 32.Rcd1 Qd7 33.Nd5 -0.77/22
[33.f3= 0.06/25 remains equal.]
33...Qd6 -0.09/23
[33...f5!∓ -0.77/22 ...f4 is the strong threat. 34.Qh5 Re8 *(34...fxe4 35.dxe4 c6 36.Rxd4=)* 35.exf5 *(35.Nxc7? Bf7-+)* 35...Bxf5]
34.Kf1 -1.17/25
[34.Ne3= -0.09/23 keeps the balance.]



34...Kh8 -0.04/24
[34...f5!∓ -1.17/25 ...c6 would now be deadly. 35.exf5 Bxf5 *(35...Bxd5? 36.cxd5 Qxd5 37.Rc1∓)*]
35.Ne3 Qd7 36.Qf3 Kg8 37.Ke1 Qe8 38.Nc2 R4d7 39.Ne3 Rd4 40.Nd5 -0.19/27
[⌓40.Ke2 0.19/28]
40...Qd7 41.Qg3 -0.58/23
[41.Ne3!= 0.00/25]
41...Kh8 0.05/24
[41...Bxd5∓ -0.58/23 42.cxd5 f5 *(42...c6 43.dxc6 Qxc6 44.Rc2∓)*]
42.Ne3! Qe7 43.Qf3 Qd7 44.Nd5 -0.88/25
[44.Ke2= 0.19/27]

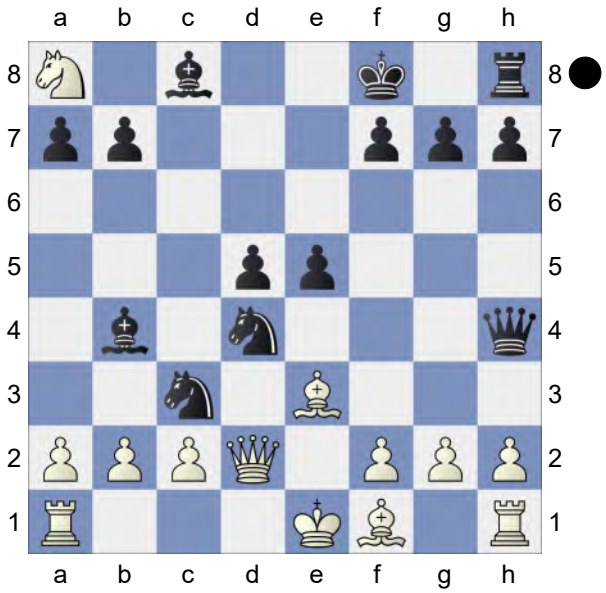


44...Qd6 0.08/26
[Better is 44...f5!∓ -0.88/25 Hoping for ...f4. 45.exf5 Bxd5 *(45...Bxf5 46.Re2=)* 46.cxd5 Rf4 Deflection, Double Attack *(46...Rxd5 47.Kf1=; 46...Qxd5 47.Qxd5 R4xd5 48.g4=)*]
45.Ne3! Qd7 46.Nc2 Rd6 47.Qe3 Qc6 48.g4 R6d7 49.Ke2 Qd6 50.Rg1 Qe7 51.Ne1 g5 52.f3 Qf8 53.Rh1 h6 54.h4 Rh7 55.Kd1 Rdd7 56.Rdh2 Kg8 57.Ke2
[57.Kd2 keeps more tension. Qd6 58.Nc2 Kh8 59.Qe2]
57...Qd6 58.Nc2 Kh8 59.Kd2 Kg8 60.Ke2 Kh8 61.hxg5 0.05/23
[61.Qd2± 0.43/24]
61...hxg5 The position is equal. **62.Rh6**
[62.Rxh7+ simplifies Rxh7 63.Rxh7+ Kxh7 64.Qd2]
62...Qf8 63.R6h2
[63.Rxh7+ simplifies Rxh7 64.Rxh7+ Kxh7 65.Qc1]

63...Rxh2+ 64.Rxh2+ Rh7 65.Qg1 Qd6 66.Rxh7+ Kxh7 Endgame. KQB-KQN **67.Qh2+ Kg7 68.Qf2 Kf7 69.Qe3 Ke7 70.Kd2 Kf7 71.Qf2 Kg7 72.Qg1 Kf7 73.Qa1 Kg7 74.Qg1**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.17 (very precise) /Black=0.18 (very precise)
½-½

B40
□ **Kosteniuk,A.** **2518**
■ **Muzychuk,A.** **2533**
Chess Super League 2021 rapid (5.2)
[Kitty Kat]

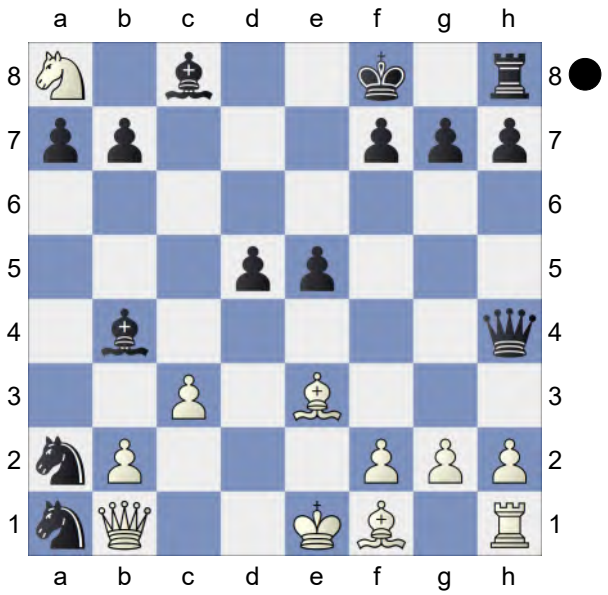
B45: Sicilian Four Knights
1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4
[4.c3 dxc3 5.Nxc3 Nc6 6.Bc4 a6 7.0-0 Nge7 8.Bg5 h6 9.Be3 Ng6 10.Nd4 Qc7 11.Rc1 Bd6 12.g3 Be7 13.f4 Bc5 14.Re1 0-0 15.a4 Nxd4 16.Bxd4 Qb6 17.Ne2 d6 18.Bxc5 dxc5 0-1 (58) Paidousis,A (2283)-Cruz,C (2217) GER CupT final_84363 2001]
4...Nf6
[4...Nc6 5.g3 Qb6 6.Nb3 Nf6 7.Bg2 Be7 8.0-0 0-0 9.Nc3 a6 10.Be3 Qc7 11.a4 Ne5 12.Bf4 d6 13.a5 Bd7 B 44/01 2001]
5.Nc3N
[5.Bd3 d6 6.0-0 Be7 7.c4 Nbd7 8.Nc3 a6 9.Be3 Qc7 10.Rc1 b6 11.f3 Bb7 12.Qe1 0-0 13.Qf2 Rac8 14.Rfd1 Qb8 15.Bf1 Bd8 16.b3 Bc7 17.Qh4 Ne5 18.Bg5 Bd8 19.Qh3 Nc6 (33) Chapter-Game Chapter 1-21]
5...Nc6 6.Bf4 Bb4 7.Ndb5 Nxe4 8.Qf3 d5 9.Nc7+ Kf8 10.Nxa8 Strongly threatening 0-0-0. **10...e5 11.Bc1** -2.67/19
[11.Bd2!= 0.19/22 and White is okay. Nd4 12.Qd1]
11...Nd4!-+ Deflection, Double Attack
12.Qd1 Black has a decisive advantage.
[12.Qd3? Bf5 13.a3 Nxc3 14.axb4 Bxd3 15.Bxd3 Ncb5-+]
12...Qh4
[12...Bxc3+ 13.bxc3±]
13.Be3
[13.g3? Nxc3 *(13...Bxc3+? 14.bxc3 Qf6 15.Bf4∓; 13...Qf6? 14.f4-+)* 14.gxh4 Nxd1+ 15.Bd2 Bxd2+ *(15...Nxb2? 16.Bxb4+ Ke8 17.Bc3+-)* 16.Kxd2 Nxf2-+ *(16...Nxb2 17.Nc7∓)*]
13...Nxc3
[13...Bxc3+? 14.bxc3 Qe7 15.Bd3 *(15.cxd4 Qb4+ 16.c3 Qxc3+ 17.Ke2 Bg4+ 18.f3 Qb2+ 19.Ke1 Qc3+ 20.Bd2 Nxd2+-)* 15...Nxc3 16.Qd2+-]
14.Qd2



White is weak on the light squares
14...Nxa2 0.20/18 A dynamic duo of knights. **15.c3= Nb3** Some like it hot
[Avoid the trap 15...Qe4? 16.f3 Nc2+ 17.Ke2+-]
16.Qc2 -5.13/22

[16.Qxd5= 0.12/19 Be6 *(16...Nxa1 17.Bd3=)* 17.Qxe5 *(17.Rxa2? too greedy. Bxd5 18.Nc7 Qe4-+)* 17...Nxa1 18.Bd3]

16...Nxa1-+ 17.Qb1



Nxc3! 18.bxc3 Bxc3+ 19.Ke2 Qc4+ 20.Qd3 Qa2+ 21.Kd1 Qb3+ 22.Ke2 Qb2+ 23.Kd1 Bd7 (-> ...Ba4+) **24.Bd2 Ba4+ 25.Ke1 Qc1+** Black mates. **26.Ke2 Qd1+ 27.Ke3 Bd4+** -11.86/5 Weighted Error Value: White=1.39/ Black=0.57

[⌓27...Nc2+ -#3/16 28.Qxc2 Bd4+ Skewer 29.Kd3 Bxc2#]

0-1

C55

□ **Muzychuk,A.** **2533**
■ **Sachdev,T.** **2392**
Chess Super League 2021 rapid (3.1)
[Kitty Kat]

C55: Two Knights: 4 d3, 4 d4 exd4 5 e5 and Max Lange Attack

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Nf6 4.d3 h6 5.Nc3 d6N

[5...Bc5 6.0-0 *(6.h3 d6 7.Na4 Bb6 8.a3 Be6 9.Bxe6 fxe6 10.b4 0-0 11.0-0 Qe8 12.c4 Nd4 13.Nxb6 Nxf3+ 14.Qxf3 axb6 15.Qe2 Qg6 16.Ra2 Nh5 17.Qg4 Kh7 18.Qxg6+ Kxg6 19.a4 Nf6 20.Be3 Nd7* 1-0 (64) Nepomniachtchi,I (2792)-Caruana,F (2820) Paris GCT Blitz 2021 (2)*; 6.Be3 Bb6 7.Qd2 d6 8.Rg1 Be6 9.Bxe6 fxe6 10.d4 Ba5 11.Qd3 d5 12.Nd2 Qd7 13.exd5 exd5 14.Nb3 e4 15.Qd2 Bb6 16.0-0-0 0-0-0 17.Kb1 Rhf8 18.a3 Kb8 19.Na4 Ne8 20.Nac5 Bxc5* ½-½ (30) Pattrick,G-Douven,R Sofia ch-BUL 1977 (5)*)* 6...d6 7.h3 *(7.Bg5 hxg5 8.Nxg5 Be6 9.Nxe6 fxe6 10.Bxe6 Qe7 11.Bd5 Qd7 12.a3 0-0-0 13.b4 Bd4 14.Qd2 Ne7 15.Rab1 c6 16.Ba2 Rh7 17.b5 Rdh8 18.h3 a6 19.bxc6 Nxc6 20.Rb2 Ng4 21.Rfb1 Na5* ½-½ (62) Gyacsok,R (750)-Gattermayer,J (852) GER-ch U25-C 2023 (8) *)* 7...a6 8.Nd5 Be6 9.Re1 0-0 10.Be3 Bxe3 11.fxe3 Na5 12.Nxf6+ Qxf6 13.Bxe6 Qxe6 14.c3 f5 15.exf5 Qxf5 16.e4 Qf4 17.Qd2 Qg3 18.Qf2 Qg6 19.Qe2 Rf6 20.Rf1 1-0 (36) Hernandez Sandoval, S-Reuassner,H 45/717 Vilnius 1988 (1)]

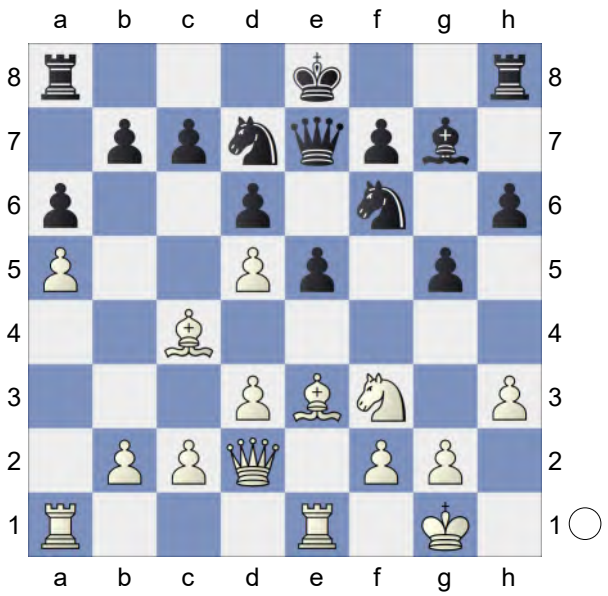
6.a4 g6 7.h3 Bg7 8.a5 White is slightly better. **8...a6 9.Be3 Qe7 10.Qd2 Be6 11.0-0 g5 12.Nd5 Bxd5** 1.06/24

[12...Qd8± 0.51/21]

13.exd5± Nb8 14.Rfe1 Qb4 is the strong threat. **14...Nbd7** 1.44/18

[⌓14...0-0 0.78/20]

(Diagram)



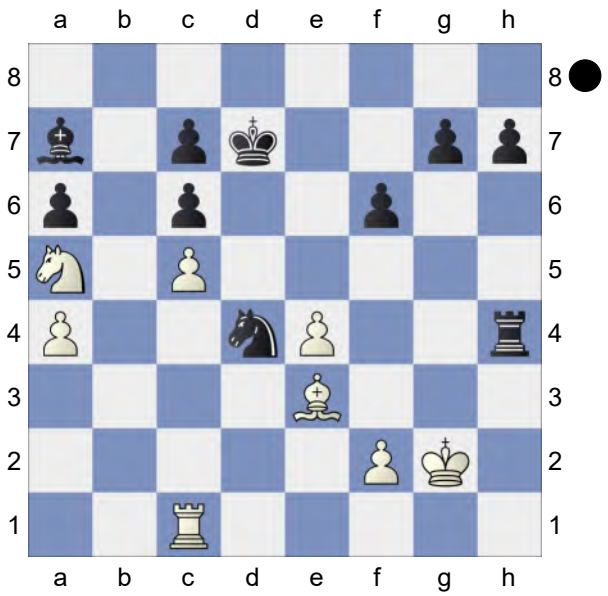
15.Qb4! 0-0 16.Qxb7 g4 17.Nh4↑ White has strong initiative. White has more active pieces. **17...gxh3** 2.22/21
[17...Qd8± 1.45/19]
18.Qxc7+- aiming for Nf5. **18...Rfc8 19.Nf5! Rxc7** 3.27/20
[19...Qe8 2.19/20 is a better defense. 20.Qb7 *(20.Qxd6?* perishes. *Bf8-+)* 20...h2+ 21.Kxh2 Qd8]
20.Nxe7+ Kf8 21.Nf5 hxg2 22.Nxd6 Rb8 23.Reb1 Ng4 24.Kxg2 Nxe3+ 25.fxe3 Bf6 26.e4 White is clearly winning.
[Not 26.Bxa6 Rxc2+ 27.Kh3 Bg5+-]
26...Bg5 27.c3
[27.Bxa6 Rxc2+ 28.Kf3 Nf6+-]
27...Nf6 28.Bxa6 Ke7 29.Nf5+ Kd7 30.Kf3 Nh5 31.Bc4 f6 32.b4 Nf4 33.b5 h5 34.b6
Weighted Error Value: White=0.08 (flawless) /Black=0.40
1-0

C68
□ **Muzychuk,A.** **2523**
■ **Naiditsch,A.** **2687**
Corus B Wijk aan Zee NED (12) 30.01.10
[Kitty Kat]

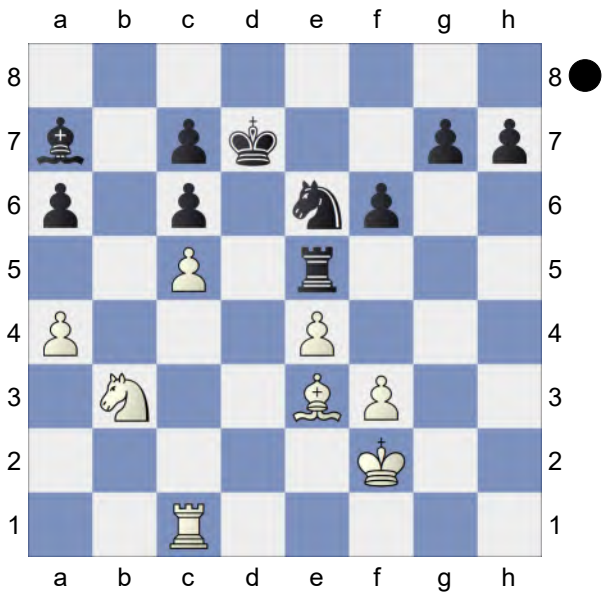
C68: Ruy Lopez: Exchange Variation, sidelines
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Bxc6 dxc6 5.0-0 Be7 6.d3 f6
[6...Bf6 7.Nbd2 Ne7 8.Nc4 Ng6 9.b3 0-0 10.Bb2 Re8 11.h3 a5 12.a4 c5 13.Kh1 b6 14.Bc3 Be6 15.Nh2 Bxc4 16.bxc4 Qd7 17.Qg4 Qc6 18.g3 Nf8 19.f4 exf4 20.Bxf6 Qxf6 21.gxf4 1-0 (63) Logan,T (2738)-C 06/32 (2761) (ch) 73/586 France 1998]
7.Be3
[7.d4 Qd6 8.dxe5 fxe5 9.Nbd2 Be6 10.b3 0-0-0 11.Bb2 Bf6 12.Qe2 Bg4 13.Qe3 Kb8 14.Nc4 Qe7 15.Nfxe5 Bc8 16.Rad1 Nh6 17.f3 Bg5 18.Qf2 Nf7 19.Nxf7 Qxf7 20.Be5 h5 21.Qc5 Rxd1 1-0 (25) Petrik,T (2522)-Mojzis,M (2011) TCh-CZE Extraliga 2011-12 (9.5)]
7...Bg4 8.Nbd2 White is slightly better.
8...Qd7 9.h3N
[9.b4 g5 10.Qb1 Nh6 11.d4 Nf7 12.dxe5 fxe5 13.Qb2 Qe6 14.Rfb1 Bxf3 15.Nxf3 g4 16.Nd2 h5 17.a4 Nd6 18.c4 0-0 19.c5 Nf7 20.Qb3 Qxb3 21.Rxb3 Bg5 22.Nc4 Rad8 23.Na5 Bxe3 (36) 10.♗a3 b6 11.ba5 ♘h5_1525 (2722)-C 06/32 (2773) 52/506 San Bernardino 1991 24.Rxe3 Rd2 25.Nxb7 Rb8 26.Na5 Rxb4 27.h3 Nd8 28.hxg4 hxg4 29.Nb3 Rc2 30.Rd1 Ne6 31.Rd7 Kf8 32.Rh7 Rcc4 33.Rh6 Ke7 34.Rh7+ Kf8 35.Rh6 Ke7 36.Rh7+ Karjakin,S (2722)-Aronian,L (2773)

107/95 Bilbao 2009]
9...Bh5 10.Qe2
[10.Nxe5 Bxd1 11.Nxd7 Bxc2-+]
10...0-0-0 11.Rfb1 Bb4 1.01/20
[11...g5± 0.50/22]
12.Nf1 0.37/21
[12.Nc4!± 1.01/20]
12...Ne7± 13.c4 -0.83/23
[13.Ng3± 0.37/24 Bf7 14.c3]
13...Qxd3 -0.40/22
[13...Ng6∓ -0.83/23 14.Rd1 *(14.g4 Bxg4 15.hxg4 Qxg4+ 16.Ng3 Nf4∓)* 14...Nh4]
14.Qxd3∓ Rxd3 15.a3 Bxf3 16.gxf3 Ba5 ...Rb3 is the strong threat. **17.b4 Bb6 18.c5 Ba7 19.Nd2 Rhd8 20.Nc4 Ng6 21.Nb2** -1.47/22
[White should try 21.Kf1∓ -0.55/20]
21...Rb3↑ Black is in control. **22.Kf1 Nf4** -1.09/22 Black is much more active.
[⌓22...b5 -1.60/26 ...Nf4 would now be deadly. 23.cxb6 cxb6]
23.h4 -2.12/25
[23.Nc4∓ -1.09/22 keeps fighting. Rxb1+ 24.Rxb1]
23...b6-+ 24.Nc4 Rxb1+ -0.84/26
[24...Rc3-+ -2.02/24 is more deadly. 25.cxb6 cxb6]
25.Rxb1∓ Rd3 26.Rc1 Against Rc3
26...bxc5 27.bxc5 Ne6 28.Na5 -1.74/26
[28.a4∓ -0.88/22]
28...Kd7!-+ 29.a4 Nd4 -0.50/23
[29...h5∓ -1.48/27 30.Ke2 Ra3 31.Rd1+ Kc8 32.Nxc6 Bxc5 33.Bxc5 Nxc5 34.Ne7+ Kb8 35.Rb1+ Rb3 36.Rxb3+ Nxb3]
30.f4? -2.06/25 Now White is beyond hope.
[30.h5!∓ -0.50/23]
30...exf4 31.Bxf4 Rh3 32.Kg2 Rxh4 33.Be3

(Diagram)



Ne6
[33...Rxe4 34.Rd1 Bxc5 35.Nb3±]
34.f3 -2.07/21
[34.Rd1+∓ -1.44/23 was necessary. Kc8 35.Nxc6 Bxc5 36.Bxc5 Nxc5 37.Ne7+ Kb8 38.Rb1+ Ka8 39.f3]
34...Rh5 35.Nb3 Re5 -1.42/21
[Black should play 35...f5-+ -1.93/24 36.Rc4 f4]
36.Kf2 -2.19/19
[36.Rc4∓ -1.42/21 was called for.]



36...f5! 37.exf5 Rxf5 38.Ke2 -2.79/25

[⌓38.Nd4 -1.78/23 Nxd4 *(38...Rxc5 39.Nc2∓)* 39.Bxd4]
38...Ke8 39.Rc4 -2.74/25
[⌓39.Nd4 -1.71/22 Nxd4+ *(39...Rxc5 40.Nxe6* Pin *Re5 41.Nxg7+ Kf8 42.Nf5+-)* 40.Bxd4]
39...Kf7 40.Rc1 h6 41.Nd4 -3.92/22
[⌓41.Kf2 -2.71/22]
41...Rxc5 42.Rxc5 -6.23/28
[⌓42.Nc2 -4.21/20 Re5 43.Kd2]
42...Bxc5 43.Nxc6 Bxe3 44.Kxe3 KN-KN **44...Nc5 45.a5 Ke6 46.Nd4+ Kd5 47.Nf5 Ne6**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.45/ Black=0.21 (precise)
0-1

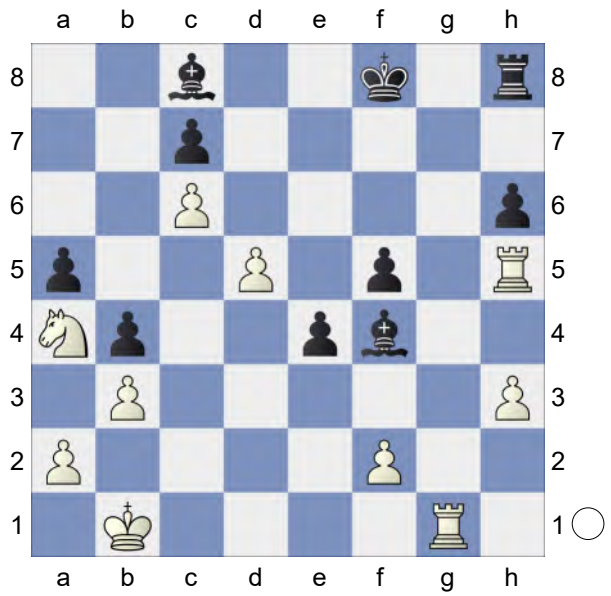
C13
□ **Muzychuk,A.** **2561**
■ **Short,N.** **2679**
Beautiful Minds 2016 rapid (9.1)
[Kitty Kat]

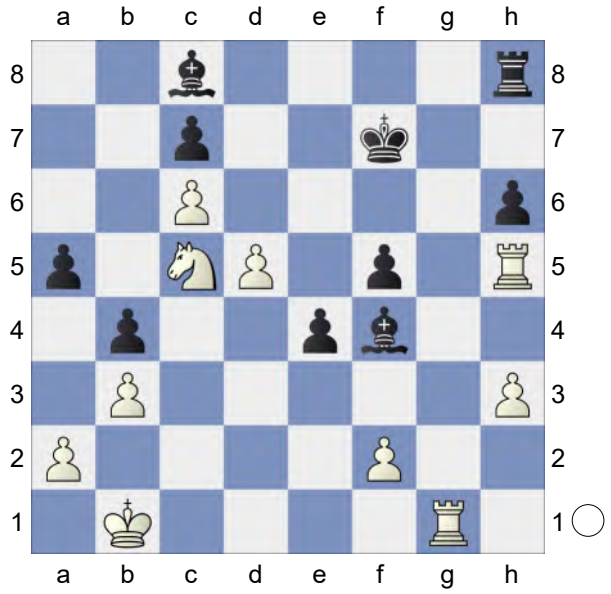
C13: French: Classical System: 4 Bg5 Be7, Alekhine-Chatard Attack
1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.Bg5 dxe4 5.Nxe4 Be7 6.Bxf6 gxf6 7.Nf3 f5 8.Nc3 a6 9.Qe2N
[9.g3 b5 10.Bg2 Bb7 11.0-0 c5 12.dxc5 Bxc5 13.Qxd8+ Kxd8 14.Ne5 Bxg2 15.Kxg2 Ke7 16.Rad1 Rc8 17.Ne2 Classical 4 Bg5 dxe4-6... gxf6: Intro & 8 g3 French Defence 2024]
9...b5 10.0-0-0 b4! 11.Na4 With the idea Ne5. **11...Qd5 12.b3 Bb7 13.Qe3 Nd7** Repels Nc5 **14.Bc4 Qe4 15.Qd2 0-0-0** 1.07/21
[15...Rd8± 0.35/20]
16.h3 0.43/23
[White should try 16.Rhe1± 1.07/21 Qg4 17.Qe2]
16...Bd6 17.Kb1! And now Ng5 would win. **17...Rdg8** 1.26/22
[Better is 17...f4± 0.57/22]
18.Ng5 0.66/21
[18.Rhe1!± 1.26/22 Qf4 19.Qxf4 Bxf4 20.d5 exd5 21.Bxd5 Bxd5 22.Rxd5]
18...Rxg5!± Decoy **19.Qxg5** Strongly threatening d5! **19...Qxg2 20.Rhg1** 0.32/19
[20.Qh4± 0.71/21]
20...Qxg5! 21.Rxg5 Hoping for d5. **21...Kd8** 1.02/21
[21...Rf8± 0.36/23]
22.d5!± e5 23.Rxf5 White is more active. **23...Ke7 24.Re1 Kf8** 1.90/24
[24...Nf6± 0.88/22 might work better.]
25.Rg1 0.87/23
[25.c3+- 1.90/24 and White stays clearly on top.]
25...h6 1.54/21
[⌓25...Bc8 0.87/23]
26.c3 aiming for cxb4. **26...a5 27.Bb5 Bc8 28.c4** 0.35/25
[28.Bxd7!± 1.48/23 Bxd7 29.Rh5]
28...e4? 1.93/22
[28...h5± 0.35/25]
29.Bxd7+- Bxd7 30.Rh5 f5 31.c5 Bf4 2.52/21
[31...Be7 1.84/24 is a better defense. 32.d6 cxd6]
32.c6 Bc8

(Diagram)

33.Nc5 1.20/24
[33.Rh4!+- 2.23/24 Bd6 34.Rh5]
33...Kf7 2.53/24
[33...Ke7± 1.20/24]

(Diagram)

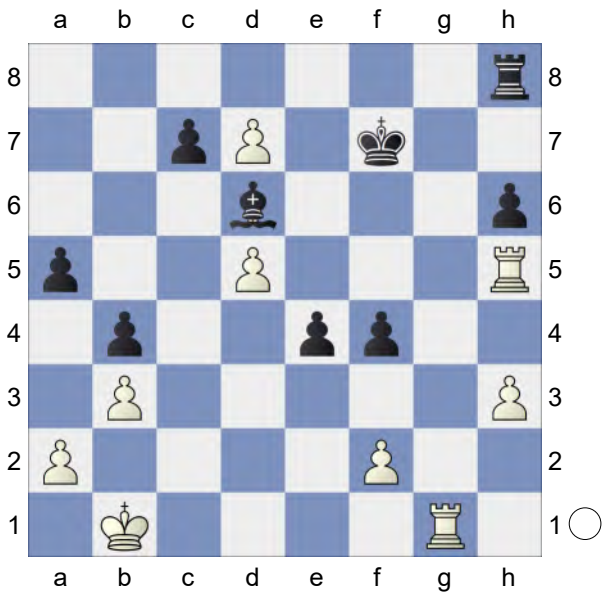




34.Rh4! Be5 3.33/22
[⌓34...Bd2 2.04/25]
35.Nd7 Bd6 36.Rh5 Bxd7 37.cxd7 Endgame. KRR-KRB **37...f4**

(Diagram)

38.Rxh6!! Deflection, Promotion
38...Rd8 39.Re6 Rxd7 40.Rxe4 Rd8 41.Rg4 Rh8 42.h4 Rh5 43.Rgxf4+? 0.19/21
[White should play 43.Kc2+- 4.36/20]
43...Bxf4= 44.Rxf4++- KR-KR **44...Ke7!**



45.Rd4 Kd6 46.Kc2 Kd3 would now be deadly. **46...Rf5!** The position is equal. **47.Rd2 Rf4 48.h5 Rh4 49.Kb2** White really could win this.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.33/ Black=0.35
½-½

C77
□ **Carlsen,M.** **2847**
■ **Muzychuk,A.** **2535**
Carlsen vs. Challengers blitz (1.20)
[Kitty Kat]

C77: Ruy Lopez: 3...a6 4 Ba4 Nf6, unusual lines
Inf 109/(200) **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.d3 d6 6.c3 g6 7.0-0 Bg7 8.Re1 0-0 9.Nbd2 Re8 10.h3 h6 11.Nf1 b5** The position is equal. **12.Bc2 d5**
[12...Na5 13.a4 Bb7 14.Ng3 c5 15.d4 Qc7 16.d5 c4 17.Nh2 Bc8 18.Be3 Bd7 19.axb5 axb5 20.f4 exf4 21.Bxf4 b4 22.cxb4 Qb6+ 23.Kh1 Qxb4 24.Bd2 Qb6 25.Bc3 Nb3 26.Rxa8 Rxa8 27.Qf3

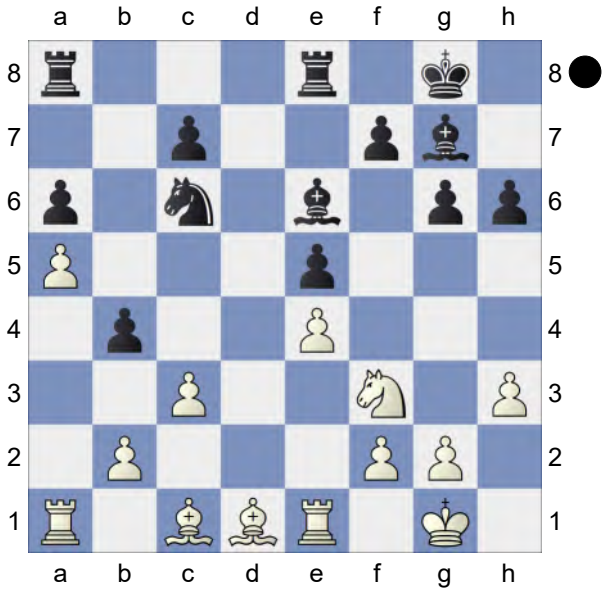
1-0 (37) Smith,M (2070)-Evelev,V (1889) Nuremberg 1888 (2)]

13.a4N

[13.Qe2 Be6 14.Ng3 Qd7 15.a4 d4 16.Bd2 Sukandar,I (2695)-Yee,S (2685) Bandar Seri Begawan 2010]

[13.Ng3 Be6 6) 4.0-0-5.c3 and 6.Ba4 d6 7.h3]

13...Be6 14.Ng3 b4 15.a5 dxe4 16.Nxe4 Nxe4 17.dxe4 Qxd1 18.Bxd1



Ba4 is the strong threat. **18...bxc3 19.bxc3 Red8 20.Be2 Ne7 21.Be3 Nc8 22.Nd2 Nd6 23.f3 Nb5 24.Rec1 Bf8 25.Kf2 f5** aiming for ...f4. **26.Ke1** -0.70/24

[Better is 26.g3= 0.27/24]

26...f4∓ 27.Bf2 c6? 0.83/26

[27...Na3∓ -0.75/25 and life is bright. Strongly threatening ...Rab8. 28.Nb1 Nc4]

28.Nc4 Bxc4 29.Bxc4+ Kg7 30.Bb6 Rd7 1.44/24

[30...Rd6!± 0.63/25]

31.Rd1↑ White has strong initiative.

31...Rxd1+ 1.71/24

[31...Rd6± 1.33/24]

32.Rxd1+- Rd7+ would now be deadly.

[Much less strong is 32.Kxd1?! Nxc3+ 33.Kc2 Nb5±]

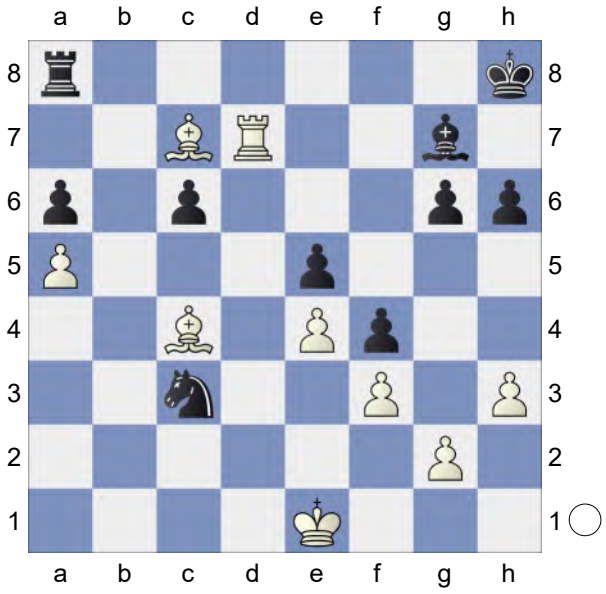
32...Nxc3? 3.83/24

[32...Nd6 1.97/22]

33.Rd7+ Kh8 34.Bc7 A strong pair of Bishops. White is clearly winning.

34...Bg7 6.82/24

[⌓34...Re8 4.35/23 35.Bd8 *(35.Bxa6 Na4+-; 35.Bf7 Rc8+-)* 35...Bg7 36.Bxa6 Rf8]



35.Rxg7! Remove Defender, Decoy

35...Kxg7 36.Bxe5+ Kf8 37.Bxc3 Ke7 38.e5

Weighted Error Value: White=0.14 (very precise) /Black=0.38

1-0

B51

□ **Muzychuk,A.** **2533**

■ **Dzagnidze,N.** **2524**

Chess Super League 2021 rapid (4.3)

[Kitty Kat]

B51: Sicilian: Moscow Variation (3 Bb5+) without 3...Bd7

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.Bb5+

[3.c3 Nf6 4.Bd3 b6 5.0-0 Bb7

6.Re1 e6 7.Bc2 Be7 8.d4 0-0 9.Nbd2 Na6 10.Nf1 d5 11.e5 Ne4 12.Ng3 cxd4 13.cxd4 Rc8 14.a3 Qc7 15.Bd3 Nb8 16.Qe2 a6 17.Bd2 Nxd2 1-0 (34) Holliday,B (2440)-4.e3 ♗g4 5. ♗c4 e6_37934 (2270) 28/149 Smederevska Palanka 1979]

[3.d4 cxd4 4.c3 dxc3 5.Nxc3 Nc6 6.Bc4 e6 7.0-0 a6 8.Qe2 Nf6 9.Rd1 Qc7 10.Bf4 Be7 11.Rac1 0-0 12.Bb3 Re8 13.h3 h6 14.Qe3 Nh5 15.Bxh6 gxh6 16.Qxh6 Ng7 17.Bc2 Ne5 1-0 (35) By Black (2218)-Wyczling,B (1794) Saarland-ch MB 87th 2012]

3...Nd7N

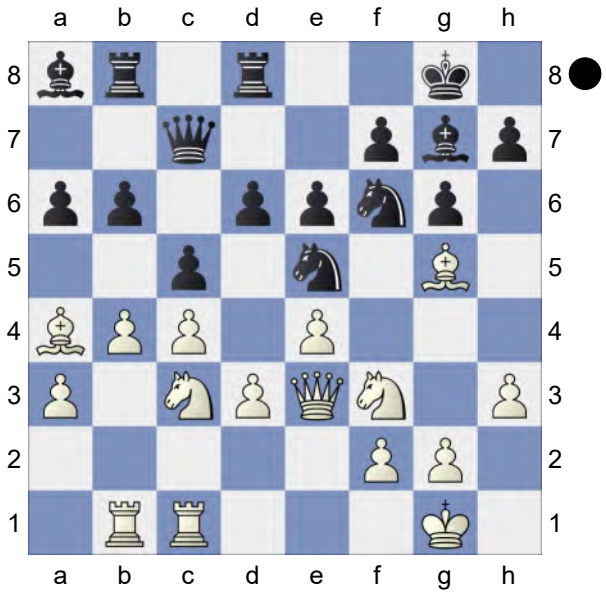
[3...Nc6 4.b3 Bd7 5.Bb2 a6 6.Bc4 Nf6 7.e5 dxe5 8.Nxe5 Nxe5 9.Bxe5 Bc6 10.0-0 e6 11.Re1 Nd7 12.Bb2 Qg5 13.Bf1 Bd6 14.d4 Nf6 15.d5 0-0-0 16.dxc6 Bxh2+ 17.Kxh2 Rxd1 18.cxb7+ 0-1 (30) Aarush,R (2097)-Borwell,A (2578) 42/131 Baku 1986 (8) Kxb7 19.Rxd1 Qh5+ 20.Kg1 Qxd1 21.Na3 Qh5 22.g3 Rd8 23.Bg2+ Kc8 24.Bxf6 Rd1+ 25.Rxd1 Qxd1+ 26.Kh2 gxf6 27.Be4 Qf1 28.Bd3 Qxf2+ 29.Kh3 f5 30.Nc4 Qg1 0-1 Katz,F (2097)-Abbasov,F (2578) Rohde op 08th 2008 (8)]

4.Ba4 Ngf6 5.0-0 a6 6.c4 g6 7.Nc3 Bg7 8.d3 White is slightly better. **8...0-0 9.h3 Rb8 10.Rb1 b6 11.Be3 Bb7 12.b4 e6 13.Qd2 Qc7 14.Rfc1 Ba8 15.a3 Rfd8 16.Bg5 Ne5 17.Qe3** -0.23/22

[White should try 17.Ne1⩲ 0.38/23]

(Diagram)

17...h6!= 18.Bh4 g5 19.Bg3 Nh5 Threatens to win with ...Nxg3. **20.Bh2**



-0.63/20

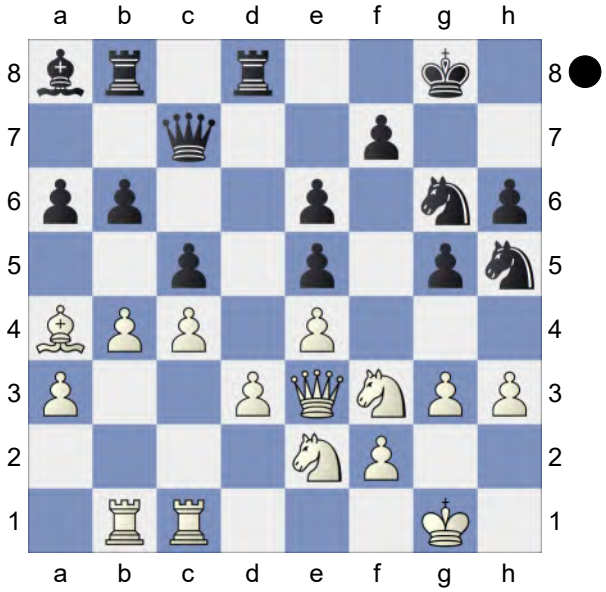
[20.Bxe5= -0.16/20 might be stronger. dxe5 21.g3]

20...Ng6 -0.16/21

[20...Nf4∓ -0.63/20 21.Ne1 b5 22.cxb5 axb5]

21.Ne2 Be5 22.Bxe5 dxe5 23.g3 -0.99/20

[23.Bc2= -0.13/21]



23...Kg7 -0.30/26

[23...Nhf4!∓ -0.99/20 24.Ne1 *(24.gxf4 exf4 25.Nxf4 Nxf4∓)*

24...Nxh3+ 25.Kh2 *(25.Kg2 g4∓)* 25...g4]

24.Nc3 f5 25.bxc5 bxc5 aiming for ... f4. **26.Rxb8 Qxb8** 0.78/23

[26...Rxb8∓ -0.34/23 keeps the upper hand. 27.Qe1 f4]

27.Qxc5± And now Rb1 would win.

27...Rxd3? 2.81/18 A mistake that costs the game.

[27...Rc8± 0.88/20 was called for. 28.Qb4 Qc7]

28.Rb1+- Qd6 4.89/22

[28...Qf8 2.32/16 29.Qa7+ Kf6 *(29...Qf7? 30.Qxa8 Rxc3 31.Rb7+-* Pin *)*]

29.Qa7+ White is clearly winning.

29...Kf6 30.Be8 Ne7 31.Bxh5 Bxe4 32.Nxe4+ fxe4 33.Nh2 White wants to mate with Rb7. **33...e3 34.Ng4+ Kg7 35.Nxe3**

Weighted Error Value: White=0.11 (very precise) /Black=0.46

1-0

B30

□ **Edouard,R.** **2628**

■ **Muzychuk,A.** **2561**

5th Karpov Trophy Prelim rapid (10.3)

[Kitty Kat]

B30: Sicilian: 2...Nc6 3 Bb5, lines without ...g6

1.Nf3 c5 2.e4 Nc6

[2...e6 3.d3 Nc6 4.g3 g6 5.Bg2 Bg7 6.0-0 Nge7 7.Re1 d6 8.c3 e5 9.a3 0-0 10.b4 h6 11.Be3 b6 12.Nh4 Be6 13.b5 Na5 14.c4 Qd7 15.Nc3 Rae8 16.Rb1 Kh7 17.Nd5 1-0 (48) Damljanovic,B (2535)-Kindermann,S (2519) EUCup 18th Chalkidiki 2002 (2)]

3.Nc3N

[3.d3 g6 *(3...d6 4.Nbd2 g6 5.g3 Bg7 6.Bg2 Nf6 7.0-0 0-0 8.a4 Rb8 9.Nc4 b6 10.Nfd2 a6 11.f4 Bg4 12.Bf3 Bxf3 13.Nxf3 b5 14.axb5 axb5 15.Ne3 Ra8 16.Rxa8 Qxa8 17.f5 c4 18.dxc4* 0-1 (33) Zier,L-Ig5 (2350) Champigny sur 37/338 1984 (5) *bxc4 19.e5 dxe5 20.Nxc4 Rd8 21.Qe2 e4 22.Nh4 Qa6 23.b3 Ne5 24.fxg6 hxg6 25.Be3 Nxc4 26.Qxc4 Qxc4 27.bxc4 Rc8 28.c5 Ng4 29.Ng2 Nxe3 30.Nxe3 Bd4 31.Re1 Rxc5 32.Re2 Rc3 33.Kf2* 0-1 Cantore,A-Petrillo,M ITA-ch39 corr 1989 *)* 4.g3 Bg7 5.Bg2 d6 6.0-0 Nf6 7.Re1 0-0 8.c3 Bd7 9.Na3 a6 10.Nc2 b5 11.d4 cxd4 12.cxd4 Rc8 13.d5 Na5 14.Ncd4 Qb6 15.h3 e5 16.Nb3 Nc4 17.Nfd2 Nh5 0-1 (36) Araiza,J-Sisniega,M MEX-ch Mexico DF 1976 (1)]

[3.g3 g6 4.Bg2 Bg7 5.0-0 d6 6.c3 e5 7.d3 Nge7 8.Be3 0-0 9.Na3 h6 10.d4 exd4 11.cxd4 d5 12.dxc5 dxe4 13.Nd2 Nf5 14.Rb1 Nxe3 15.fxe3 f5 16.b4 a5 17.b5 Nb4 0-1 (41) Nogueira,N (2079)-Dubyna (2538) CCLA ch-1 8586 1985 (8)]

3...Nf6 4.Bb5 g6 5.h3 Nd4 6.Ba4 -0.13/21

[White should try 6.e5± 0.39/22 Nxb5 7.Nxb5]

6...Bg7= 7.e5 Nh5 8.0-0 Black is slightly better. **8...Nxf3+** 0.45/20

[Black should play 8...0-0!∓ -0.69/19]

9.Qxf3± Bxe5 10.g4 -0.55/20

[10.Re1± 0.37/21 f6 11.Qd5]

10...Ng7!∓ 11.Re1 f6 -0.15/21

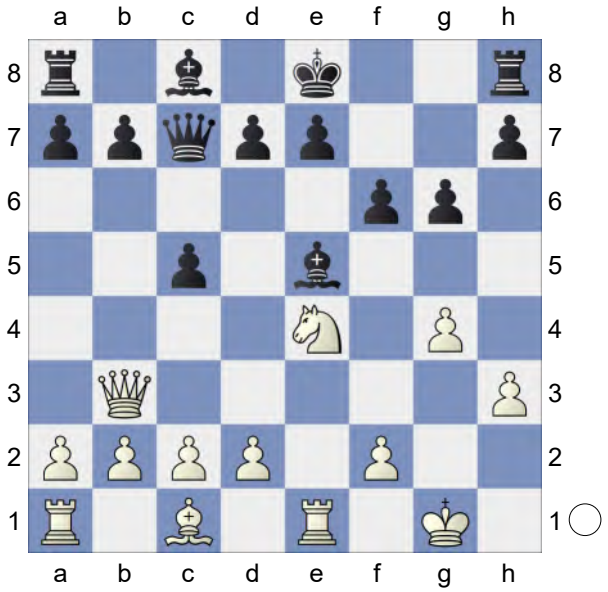
[11...Bd4!∓ -0.62/23 was preferrable.]

12.Ne4 -0.98/22

[12.Rxe5= -0.15/21 remains equal. fxe5 13.Qd5]

12...Ne6∓ 13.Bb3 -1.33/22

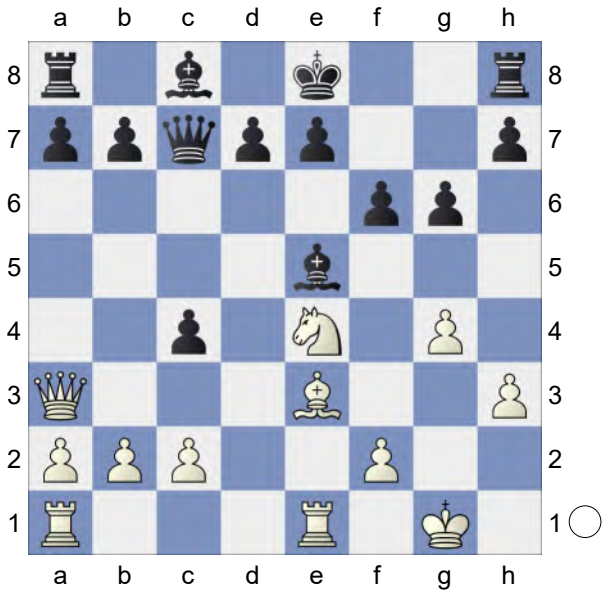
[13.c3!∓ -0.67/20]
13...Nd4 14.Qe3 -2.14/23
[14.Qg2∓ -1.08/19]
14...Nxb3 -1.24/23
[14...Qa5-+ -2.14/23 15.g5 fxg5 Deflection 16.Nxg5 d6]
15.Qxb3 Qc7? 0.31/20
[15...d5∓ -1.24/21 16.Nxc5 Bc7 17.Qb5+ Kf7 18.Nxb7 Bxb7 *(18...Qd7 19.Qxd7 Bxd7 20.Nc5=)* 19.Qxb7 Qd6]



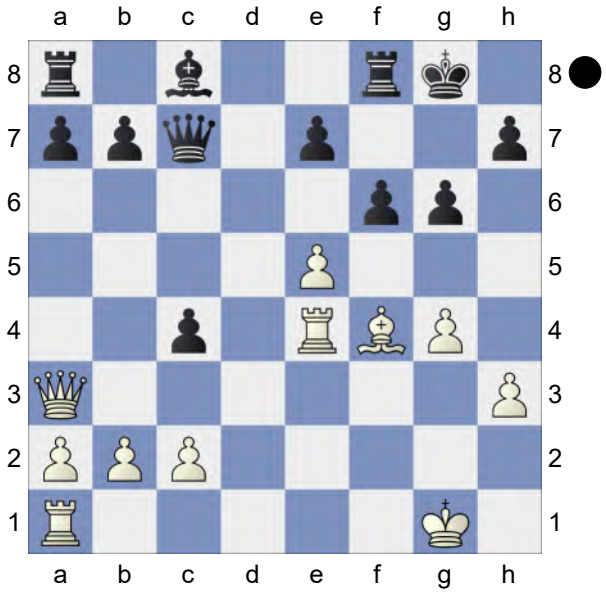
16.d4!± Bxd4 ...g5 is the strong threat.
[16...cxd4 17.f4]
17.Be3 -0.81/21
[17.Bh6!= 0.26/22]
17...c4? 0.95/20
[17...Be5!∓ -0.81/21 stays on course. Hoping for ...b6. 18.f4 f5 *(18...Bxf4? 19.Nxf6+ Kd8 20.Nd5+-)* 19.fxe5 fxe4]
18.Qa3!± Repels b6 **18...Be5**

(Diagram)

Threatens to win with ...b6. **19.f4?** -1.68/21
[19.Bc5!± 1.48/23 is forced if you



want to stay better. d5 20.Nd6+ exd6 21.Bxd6]
19...d5-+ 20.fxe5 -2.20/21
[⌓20.Nc3 -1.75/20 Bxc3 *(20...Bxf4? 21.Bxf4 Qb6+ 22.Re3+-)* 21.Qxc3]
20...dxe4 21.Bf4 0-0 -0.96/20
[21...fxe5 22.Qc3 *(22.Bh6 g5∓)* 22...Rf8 *(22...0-0 23.Bxe5 Qb6+ 24.Qd4∓)* 23.Qxe5 *(23.Bxe5 Qc6∓)* 23...Qxe5 24.Bxe5∓]
[21...f5-+ -2.37/23 is more deadly. 22.Qe3 Be6 *(22...fxg4? 23.e6-+)*]
22.Rxe4∓

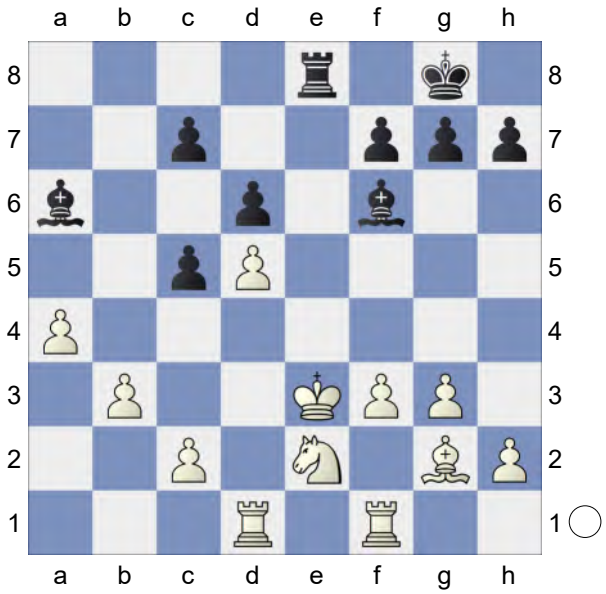


f5 -0.22/21
[22...g5!∓ -1.11/23 ...f5 would now be deadly. 23.exf6 gxf4 24.fxe7 Re8]
23.e6= Qb6+ 24.Re3? -2.37/28 White is now going downhill.
[24.Be3= -0.18/25 and White stays safe. Qc6 25.Rf4]
24...Bxe6 25.Qxe7 Rae8↑ Black is really pushing.
[25...Qxb2? too greedy. 26.Be5 *(26.Qxe6+ Rf7+-)* 26...Rf7 27.Qxf7+ *(27.Qxe6 Qb6+-)* 27...Bxf7 28.Bxb2+-]
26.Qd6 fxg4
[Worse is 26...Qxb2 27.Rae1 Bf7 28.Bh6=]
27.Rae1 gxh3 28.Qxb6 axb6 29.Bc7 Bd7 -1.56/22
[29...Rf7-+ -2.66/23 30.Bxb6 Rf6]
30.Bxb6 -4.19/21
[30.Rxe8∓ -1.56/22 was the only defense. Rxe8 *(30...Bxe8 31.Bd6∓)* 31.Rxe8+ Bxe8 32.Bxb6]
30...Rxe3-+ 31.Rxe3∓ Endgame. KRB-KRB **31...Rf5 32.Bd8** -5.48/20
[⩲32.Re7 -3.48/21 Rg5+ 33.Kh1]
32...Rd5-+ aiming for ...Rd1+. Black is clearly winning. **33.Re2** -7.61/21
[⩲33.Bc7 -4.74/19]
33...Bg4 34.Re8+ Kf7 35.Rh8 Rd1+ 36.Kh2 Rd2+ 37.Kg3 Rg2+ 38.Kf4 Kg7 39.Re8 h2
Weighted Error Value: White=0.69/ Black=0.41
0-1

C41
□ **Muzychuk,A.** **2510**
■ **Atalik,E.** **2394**
27th ECC Women 2023 (3.3) 03.10.2023
[Kitty Kat]

C41: Philidor Defence
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 exd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 Be7 6.g3 0-0 7.Bg2 Nc6
[7...Re8 8.0-0 Bf8 9.b3 Bg4 10.Qd2 Qc8 11.f3 Bd7 12.Bb2 Nc6 13.Nde2 Ne5 14.g4 h6 15.Ng3 c6 16.h3 d5 17.exd5 cxd5 18.Nce2 Bb5 19.Rfe1 Bc5+ 20.Nd4 Nc6 21.Ngf5 Nxd4 22.Nxd4 1-0 (68) Edouard,R (2642)-Payen,A (2358) FRA-chT Top 12 2019 (2.6)]
8.Nxc6 bxc6 9.0-0 Rb8N
[9...Nd7 10.b3 Bf6 11.Bb2 Rb8 12.Qd2 Nb6 *(12...Re8 13.Rad1 c5 14.Bc1 Nb6 15.Rfe1 Bg4 16.Ne2 a5 17.h3 Bxe2 18.Rxe2 a4 19.Kh2 Qc8 20.f4 axb3 21.cxb3 Qa6 22.Qc2 Bd4 23.Be3 Bxe3 24.Rxe3 Re7 25.e5 c4 26.bxc4 dxe5 27.c5* 1-0 (58) Polgar,J (2682)-Bu,X (2695) Olympiad-39 Khanty Mansiysk 2010 (4.3)*)* 13.Ba3 c5 14.Rad1 Re8 15.h3 Bb7 16.Rfe1 Re6 17.f4 Bd4+ 18.Kh2 Qe8 19.Nd5 Bxd5 20.exd5 Rxe1 21.Rxe1 Qd7 22.Qe2 Bc3 23.Rd1 a5 24.Qd3 ½-½ (68) Owen,J (2553)-Berndt,K (2491) 52/40 Bacolod 1991 Bf6 25.Re1 Re8 26.Rxe8+ Qxe8 27.Qe4 Qxe4 28.Bxe4 c4 29.Bc1 Bc3 30.Kg2 g6 31.g4 a4 32.bxc4 Nxc4 33.Bd3 Nb6 34.Bb5 Kg7 35.Bc6 f5 36.gxf5 gxf5 37.Kf3 Bd4 38.Ke2 Kf7 39.Kd3 ½-½ (68) Nataf,I (2553)-Predojevic,B (2491) Srbija i Crna 91/261 2004]
10.b3 Nd7 11.Be3 White is more active. White is better. **11...Bf6 12.Qd2 Nb6**

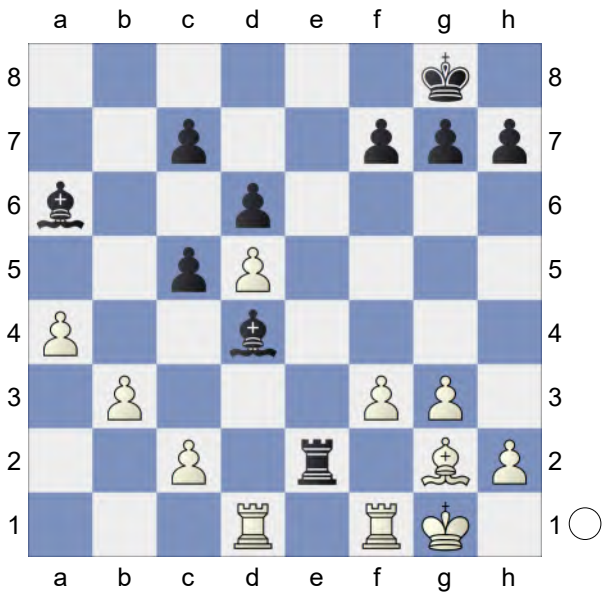
13.Rad1 Re8 14.a4 a5 15.Ne2 c5 Prevents Nd4. **16.Qxa5** 0.56/18
[16.Rfe1± 0.98/24]
16...Bb7!± 17.f3 Nd5! 18.Qd2 0.41/27
[Much weaker is 18.exd5 Rxe3 19.Rf2 Ra8∓]
[18.Rxd5 Bxd5 19.Nf4 Bb7∓]
[18.Bf2± 0.81/22]
18...Ba6 1.36/22
[18...Nxe3± 0.41/27 19.Qxe3 Qe7]
19.exd5± Qe7 20.Kf2 Rfe1 would now be deadly. **20...Qxe3+ 21.Qxe3 Rxe3 22.Kxe3 Re8+**



23.Kf2!
[Don't go for 23.Kf4? Rxe2 24.Bh3 g5+ 25.Kg4 *(25.Kf5? Kg7-+)* 25...Bc8+ *(25...Rxh2 26.Rh1∓; 25...Rxc2? 26.f4-+)* 26.Kh5 Bxh3-+]
23...Rxe2+ 24.Kg1 Strongly threatening Rf2. **24...Bd4+** 2.38/25
[24...Rxc2± 1.50/27 keeps fighting. 25.Rfe1 Kf8]

(Diagram)

25.Rxd4!+- cxd4 Endgame. KRB-KRB **26.Rc1** And now Bf1 would win. **26...Re3**



3.46/26
[26...Rd2 2.30/24 was necessary. 27.a5 g5]
27.Bf1 Bxf1 28.Kxf1 Re1 is the strong threat. KR-KR. White is clearly winning.
[Weaker is 28.Rxf1 d3+-]
28...Rc3 29.Ke2 Kf8 30.a5 Rc5 31.Ra1 Rxc2+ 32.Kd3 Rc3+ 33.Kxd4 Rxb3 34.a6 Rb4+ 35.Kc3 Rb8 36.a7 Ra8 37.Kc4 Ke7 38.Kb5 Kd7 39.Ka6 Weighted Error Value: White=0.13 (very precise) /Black=0.40
1-0

C95
□ **Muzychuk,A.** **2534**
■ **Sukandar,I.** **2401**
37th ECC Women 2022 (5.3) 07.10.2022
[Kitty Kat]

C95: Closed Ruy Lopez: Breyer Variation with 10 d4
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Be7 6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 d6 8.c3 0-0 9.h3 Nb8 10.d4 Nbd7 11.c4 c6 12.Qc2 Bb7 13.a3
[13.Nc3 b4 14.Na4 c5 15.d5 Nh5

16.Qd1 Nf4 17.Bc2 Ng6 18.b3 Bc8 19.a3 a5 20.Be3 Nf6 21.Nh2 h6 22.Nf1 Nh7 23.Ng3 Bg5 24.Nb2 Bd7 25.Nf5 Qf6 26.Qf3 Bxe3 27.fxe3 Ne7 1-0 (58) Marholev,D (2615)-Winter (2781) Frunze 27/482 1979 (1.2)]

13...bxc4

[13...exd4 14.Nxd4 Ne5 15.cxb5 axb5 16.Bf4 b4 17.a4 Nh5 18.Bxe5 dxe5 19.Nf5 Nf4 20.Nd2 g6 21.Ne3 Ba6 22.Bc4 Bc5 23.Nf3 Qe7 24.Ng4 b3 25.Qc1 Bd6 26.Bxa6 Rxa6 27.Qc4 Rfa8 28.Red1 1-0 (42) Zhalmakhanov,R (2447)-Amin,B (2680) FIDE Grand Swiss 2023 (2.16)]

14.Bxc4 White is slightly better. **14...d5N**

[14...exd4 15.Nxd4 d5 16.exd5 cxd5 17.Bf1 *(17.Bd3 Rc8 18.Nc3 Ne4 19.Nf5 Re8 20.Nxe7+ Rxe7 21.Bxe4 Rxe4* 5) 11.c4 - An Old Indian?-12.Qc2 #2*)* 17...Ne4 18.Be3 Rc8 19.Qd1 Bf6 5) 11.c4 - An Old Indian?-12.Qc2 #4]

15.dxe5 Nxe4 16.Ba2 Ndc5 17.Nc3 a5 18.Be3 Nxc3 19.bxc3 Ne6 20.Nd4 c5 21.Nf5

[21.Bb1!? g6 22.Nxe6 fxe6 23.Qd1∓]

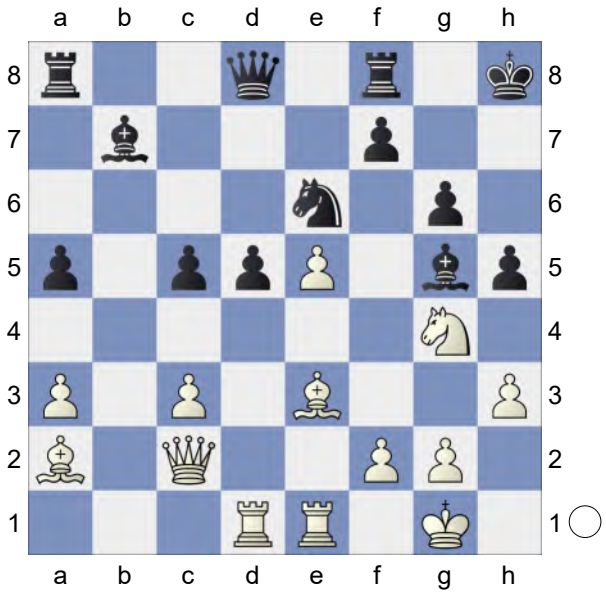
21...g6 22.Nh6+ Kh8 23.Rad1 White has more active pieces. **23...Bg5! 24.Ng4 h5!**

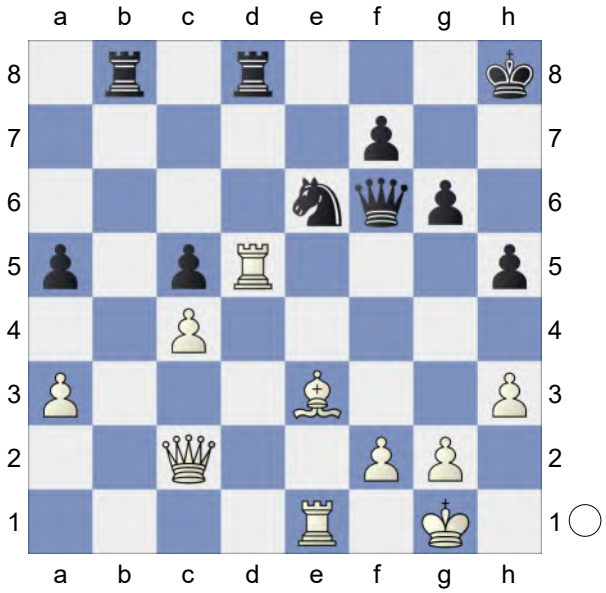
(Diagram)

25.Nf6 Deflection **25...Bxf6 26.exf6 Qxf6 27.Bxd5 Bxd5 28.Rxd5 Rfd8 29.c4 Rab8** 1.00/18

[29...Nf4± 0.39/23 30.Bxf4 *(30.Rxc5 Nd3±)* 30...Qxf4]

(Diagram)





30.Qd2 0.41/23

[30.Bxc5? Nxc5 31.Rxc5 Rb2-+]

[Better is 30.Bd2!± 1.00/18]

30...a4 31.Rd1 aiming for Bg5!

31...Rdc8 32.Qa5 Ra8! 33.Qb6 Black must now prevent Rxc5. **33...Rab8**

34.Qd6 0.12/22

[34.Rxc5± 0.57/23 Rxb6 35.Rxc8+ Discovered Attack Kg7 36.Bxb6]

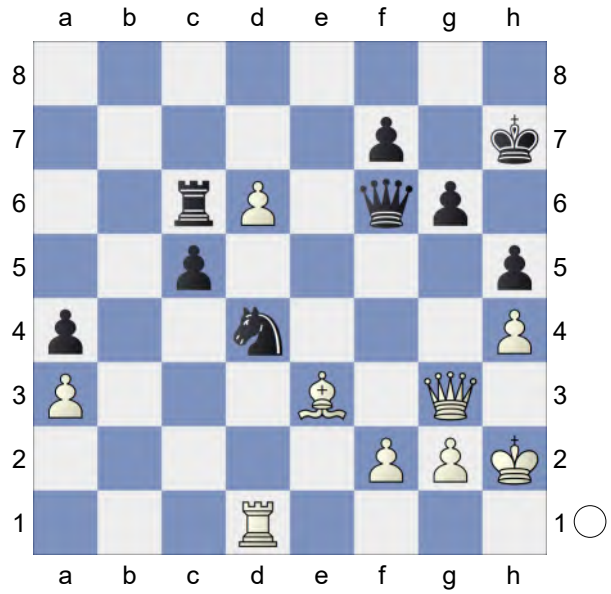
34...Rd8 0.99/23

[34...Kg7= 0.12/22]

35.Qc6

[35.Bg5? Qxg5 36.Rxg5 Rxd6-+]

35...Rdc8 36.Qd6 0.28/20
[36.Qxa4± 1.11/22 Kg8 37.Rd6]
36...Rd8 0.99/22
[36...Kg7= 0.28/20 keeps the balance.]
37.Qg3 0.00/27
[37.Bg5? Qxg5 38.Rxg5 Rxd6 39.Rxd6 Nxg5-+]
[37.Qc6± 0.99/22]
37...Kh7 38.Kh2
[38.Bxc5? Nxc5 39.Rxd8 Rxd8-+]
38...Rbc8 0.54/25
[38...Kg7= 0.10/25]
39.Rd7 0.00/23
[39.Bd2± 0.54/25]
39...Kg8 40.R7d5 Kh7 0.66/22
[40...Rxd5= 0.16/23 41.Rxd5 *(41.cxd5 Rd8=)* 41...h4]
41.h4 Rxd5 0.87/24
[Black should try 41...Rb8± 0.37/23]
42.cxd5±
[Much weaker is 42.Rxd5?! Rc6=]
42...Nd4 1.66/21
[42...Nf8± 1.04/23]
43.d6+- Rc6 2.47/27
[⌓43...Ne6 1.64/20 44.Rd5 Rd8]



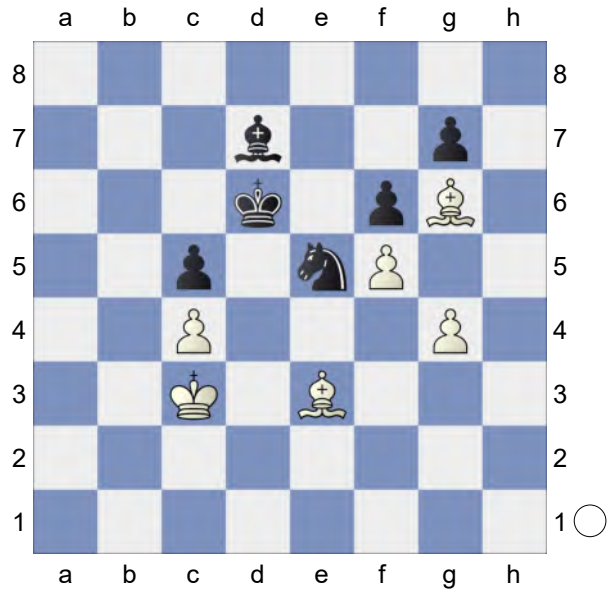
44.Bf4! Qe6 45.Qg5 Rc8? 5.48/24
[45...Rxd6 1.81/19 is a better chance. 46.Bxd6 *(46.Qxc5? Nf3+* Discovered Attack *47.gxf3 Rxd1-+)* 46...Qxd6+ 47.Kh1 Kg7]
46.Be5 Hoping for Qf6! **46...Re8 47.f4** Qf6! is the strong threat.
[And not 47.Bxd4 Qxd6+ 48.Qg3 Re6=]
47...Nc6? 8.62/22
[47...Qd7 2.38/22 48.Bxd4 cxd4 49.Rxd4 Re6]
48.d7 Black is weak on the dark squares. White is clearly winning. **48...Rd8**
49.Rd6 Rxc6 would kill now. **49...Nxe5 50.Rxe6 Ng4+ 51.Kg1 Rxd7 52.Re1** Against Rd1.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.46/Black=0.30
1-0

C42
□ **Muzychuk,A.** **2606**
■ **Mamedjarova,Z.** **2285**
40th Olympiad Women (7.13) 04.09.2012
[Kitty Kat]

C42: Petroff Defence: 3 Nxe5 and unusual White 3rd moves
Inf 96/(217) **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.Nxe5 d6 4.Nf3 Nxe4 5.Nc3 Nxc3 6.dxc3 Be7 7.Be3 Nc6 8.Qd2 Be6 9.0-0-0 Qd7 10.Ng5 Bxg5**
[10...Bxa2? loses. 11.b3+-]
11.Bxg5 White is slightly better. **11...f6**
[11...a6 12.h3 f6 13.Be3 0-0-0 14.f4 Bf5 15.g4 Be4 16.Rg1 Rhe8 17.Be2 Qe6 18.Kb1 ½-½ Kopjonkin,K (2314)-Semenova,E (2269) Yekaterinburg Rapid op 2023 (11)]
12.Be3 a6N
[12...0-0-0 13.b3 *(13.Be2 Rhe8 14.h3 Kb8 15.b3 Ne7 16.f3 Bd5*

17.c4 Bc6 18.Rhe1 b6 Svidler,P (2740)-Motylev,A (2632) Russia (ch) 96/(217) 2005*)* 13...Kb8 14.Be2 Rhe8 15.Rhe1 Bg4 16.f3 Bh5 17.Bf2 Bf7 18.Kb2 Re7 19.Bf1 Rxe1 20.Rxe1 Re8 21.Rd1 Bg6 22.a4 Qf5 23.Bg3 Qe6 24.Bc4 Qe3 25.Qxe3 Rxe3 26.Bf2 Re7 Chapter-Games Chapter 28 Game 1]

13.f3 0-0-0 14.c4 Qf7 15.Qc3 Rhe8 16.b3 Bf5 17.Bf2 h5 18.Kb2 Qe6 19.Rd5 Ne7 20.Rd2 Nc6 21.g3 Qe5 The position is equal. **22.Bg2 Qxc3+ 23.Kxc3 a5 24.a3** Wards off Nb4 **24...Re7 25.Rhd1 Rde8 26.c5 dxc5 27.Bxc5 Re2 28.f4 Bg4 29.Rxe2 Rxe2 30.Rd2 Rxd2 31.Kxd2=** Endgame. KBB-KBN **31...Kd7 32.c4 Nd8 33.Be3 b6 34.Kc3 c5 35.b4 axb4+ 36.axb4 Kd6 37.h3 Be6 38.Bf3 Bxh3 39.Bxh5 Be6 40.Bg6 Nc6 41.bxc5+ bxc5 42.f5 Bd7 43.g4 Ne5**



...Nxg6! is the strong threat. **44.Bf4 Bc6 45.Bh7 Bf3 46.g5 Be2 47.Bg8 fxg5 48.Bxg5 Bxc4 49.Bxc4 Nxc4 50.Kxc4 Ke5** Wards off Bf4+.

Weighted Error Value: White=0.04 (flawless) /Black=0.02 (flawless)

½-½

C67

□ **Muzychuk,A.** **2533**

■ **Goryachkina,A.** **2604**

23rd European Teams Women (8.1)

[Kitty Kat]

C67: Ruy Lopez: Berlin Defence: 4 0-0 Nxe4

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 Nf6 4.0-0 Nxe4 5.d4 Nd6 6.Bxc6 dxc6 7.dxe5 Nf5 8.Qxd8+ Kxd8 9.h3 Ke8 10.Nc3 h5 11.Bf4 Be7 12.Rad1 Nh4

[12...Be6 13.Ng5 Rh6 14.Rfe1 Bb4 15.g4 hxg4 16.hxg4 Ne7 17.Nxe6 Rxe6 18.Kg2 Rd8 19.Rxd8+ Kxd8 20.Rd1+ Kc8 21.Bg3 Bxc3 22.bxc3 Rg6 23.Rd4 f5 24.Bh4 c5 25.Rf4 Nd5 26.Rxf5 Rxg4+ 27.Bg3 ½-½ (55) Deslandes,P (2801)-Osnos,V (2787) La 70/(299) Havana 1997 (9)]

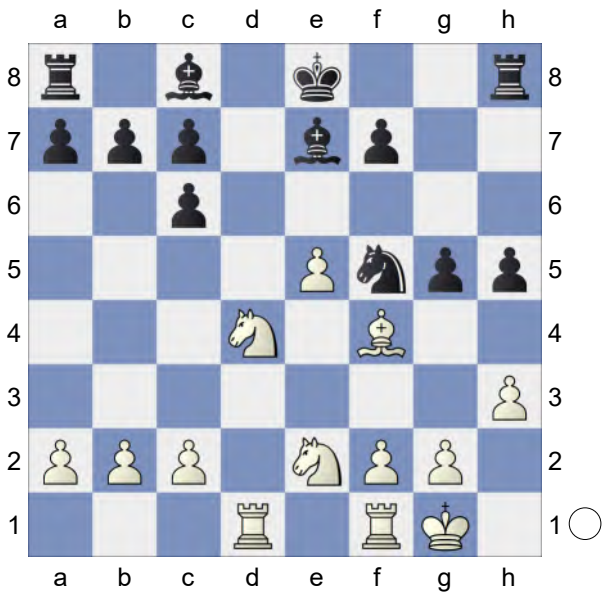
13.Nd4 Nf5 14.Nf3N Repels g5 **14...Nh4** The position is equal. **15.Nd4 Nf5 16.Nce2 g5**

[16...Nxd4 17.Nxd4 a6 18.e6 Bxe6 19.Nxe6 fxe6 20.Bxc7 Rc8 21.Bb6 Bd8 22.Bd4 Bf6 Ruy Lopez Berlin Defence-9. ♘c3 ♔e8 10.h3 h5 Survey 2011]

(Diagram)

Hoping for ...Nxd4. **17.Bh2**

[17.Bc1 Nxd4 18.Nxd4 a6 19.e6 fxe6 20.Rfe1 Kf7 21.Nf3 Rg8 22.Re5 Bf6 23.Bxg5 Bxe5 24.Nxe5+ Kg7 25.Kh2 a5 26.Kg3 a4 27.f4 Ra6 28.Rd3 c5 29.Rc3 Rd6



30.Rxc5 c6 31.Kh4 Rd2 1-0 (41) Jiang,Q (2246)-Wu,Y (1972) China zt 3.5 2023 (1)]

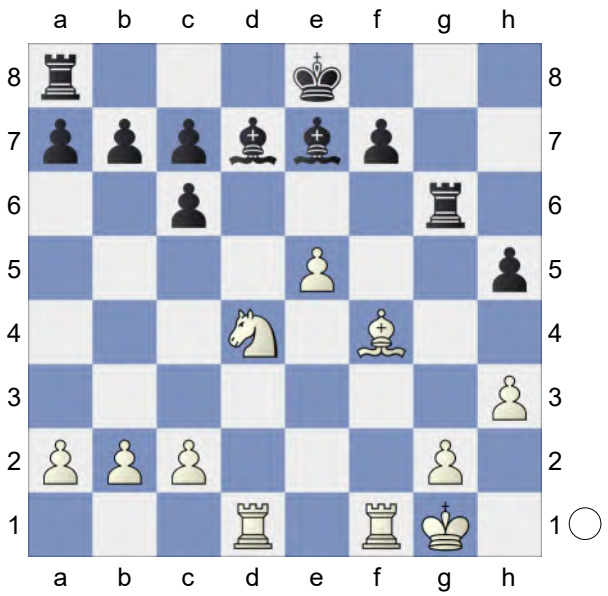
17...Rh6

[17...a6 18.e6 Nd6 19.Rfe1 Rh6 20.exf7+ Kxf7 21.Nf3 g4 22.Ne5+ Kg7 23.Bf4 Rh7 24.hxg4 hxg4 25.Ng3 Bf6 26.Nd3 Nf5 27.Ne4 Be7 28.Bxc7 Be6 29.Nf4 Bf7 30.Rd7 Re8 31.Ng5 Rh6 32.Be5+ 1-0 (38) 4.d4 ♘f6 5. ♗c4 (2703)-Deslandes,P (2670) Saint John (open II) 45/17 1988 (7)]

18.Nxf5 Bxf5 19.Nd4 Bd7 20.f4 gxf4 21.Bxf4 Rg6

(Diagram)

22.e6! Bxe6 23.Nxe6 fxe6 24.Bxc7 Rc8 25.Be5 Rd8 26.Rxd8+ Bxd8= Endgame. KRB-KRB **27.Bd4 a6 28.Bc5 Be7** Wards off Rf8+ **29.Bxe7 Kxe7** KR-KR **30.Rf4 Rg5 31.Kf2 Rb5 32.b3 Ra5 33.a4 Rc5 34.Rc4 Rf5+ 35.Ke3 Re5+ 36.Re4 Rg5 37.g4 hxg4 38.hxg4 Kf6 39.Rf4+ Ke7 40.Kf3 e5 41.Re4 Ke6 42.Re2 Rg7 43.Rg2 a5 44.Ke4** g5 would now be deadly.



44...Rg5 45.Kf3 Not much happened in this game.

Weighted Error Value: White=0.02 (flawless) /Black=0.01 (flawless)

½-½

B32

□ **Muzychuk,A.** **2587**

■ **Badelka,Olga** **2362**

18th ch-EUR Indiv w 2017 (3.7) 13.04.17

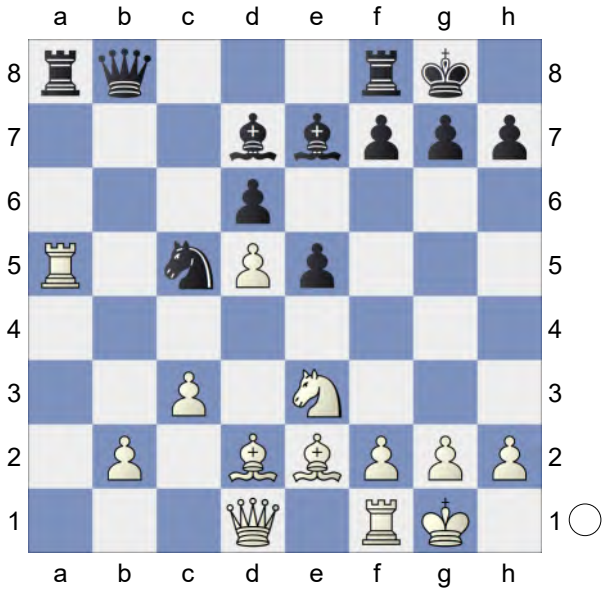
[Kitty Kat]

B32: Sicilian: Löwenthal and Kalashnikov Variations

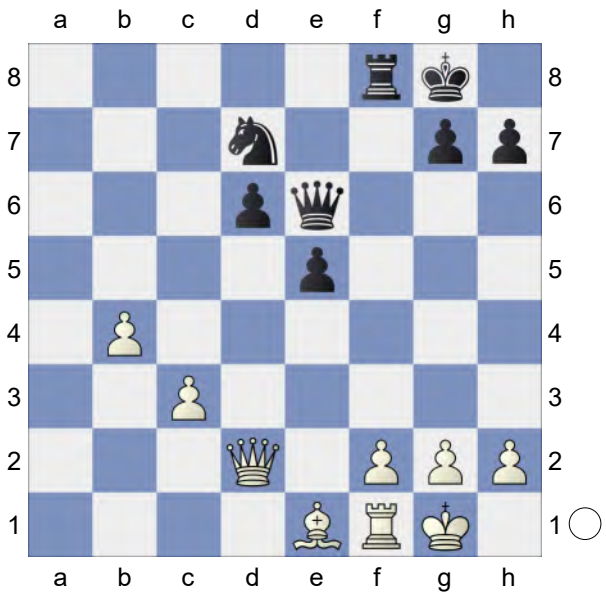
1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 e5 5.Nb5 d6 6.N1c3 a6 7.Na3 Be7 8.Nc4 b5 9.Ne3 Nf6 10.Bd3 0-0 White is slightly better. **11.0-0 Rb8 12.Ncd5 Nxd5**

[12...Be6 13.Nxe7+ Qxe7 14.c3 Rfd8 15.Qf3 d5 16.exd5 Nxd5 17.Nxd5 Bxd5 18.Be4 Bxe4 19.Qxe4 Na5 20.b3 Qe6 21.Ba3 Nc6 22.Rfe1 Rbc8 23.h3 f6 24.Rad1 Rd7 25.Bc5 Rcd8 26.Rxd7 Rxd7 27.Be3 0-1 (72) Camus,A (2446)-G,A (2276) Staunton Memorial

7th 2009 (1)]
13.exd5 Nb4N 0.65/24
[13...Na5!= 0.24/24 is more appropriate. 14.a4 b4 15.Bd2 f5 Vit Spelar Sgf3 (2723)-Kavakul,M (2699) 3/379 Moscow 1967]
14.Be2± Black must now prevent c3.
14...a5! 15.a4 bxa4 16.Rxa4 Ra8 17.Bd2 Bd7 18.Ra3 Qb8 1.15/20
[18...f5± 0.62/23]
19.c3± Na6 20.Rxa5 Nc5



21.Rxa8 Qxa8 22.b4 Ne4 23.Be1 f5 24.Bd3↑ Keeping Black busy. **24...Bg5 25.Qe2 Nf6** 2.17/21
[25...Bxe3± 1.26/22 keeps fighting. 26.Qxe3 Qxd5]
26.Bxf5+-
[26.Nxf5 e4 27.Ne7+ Kf7∓]
26...Bxe3 27.Bxd7
[27.fxe3 Bxf5 28.Rxf5 Qxd5±]
27...Nxd7 28.Qxe3 1.40/22
[28.fxe3+- 1.80/24 aiming for Rxf8+. Rxf1+ 29.Kxf1]
28...Qxd5 29.Qd2 0.66/21
[29.f3+- 1.62/23]
29...Qe6? 2.33/22
[Black should try 29...Nb6± 0.66/21]

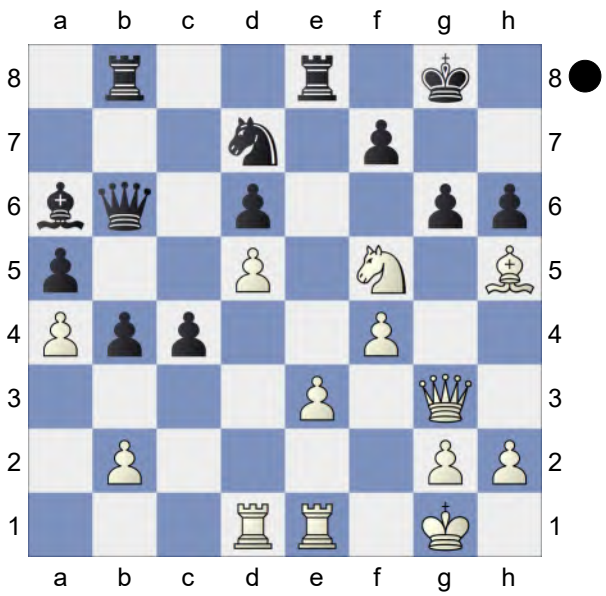


Loses the game. **30.f3! Nb6 31.Bf2 Nc4 32.Qa2 d5 33.Rd1 Rc8** 2.46/24
[33...Qc6 1.99/24 might work better. 34.h3 h6]
34.Bc5 h6 35.Ra1 e4 2.83/22
[35...Qg6 1.87/24 is a better defense. 36.Qe2 Re8]
36.fxe4 dxe4 37.Qe2 Rd8 38.Bd4 Strongly threatening Ra7. **38...Nd6 39.Ra7** Black is weak on the dark squares **39...Rd7** 4.82/20
[39...Nf5 2.60/19]
40.Rxd7 Qxd7 Endgame. KQB-KQN **41.Bc5 Nb5 42.h3**
[42.Qxe4 Qd1+ 43.Kf2 Nxc3 44.Qc4+ Nd5±]
42...Nxc3 43.Qc4+ Nd5 44.Qxe4 Nc7 45.Qe7 White is clearly winning.
45...Qxe7 46.Bxe7 KB-KN **46...Kf7 47.Bc5 Ke6 48.Bf8 Kf7 49.Bd6 Nb5 50.Be5 g6 51.Kf2 Ke6 52.Bg7 h5 53.Ke3 Kd5 54.Kf4 Ke6 55.Be5 Na7 56.Ke4** Threatens to win with h4.
56...Nc6 57.Bc3 Na7 58.h4 Nb5 59.Be5 Na7 60.g3 Nc6 61.Bc3 Na7 62.Bd2 Nc6 63.b5 Na7 64.b6 Nc8 65.Be3 Nd6+ 66.Kd4 Nb7 67.Bf4 Ke7 68.Ke5 Nd6 69.Kd5 Nb7 70.Kc6

Nd8+ 71.Kc7 White threatens Bg5+ and mate. **71...Ne6+ 72.Kc8**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.20 (precise) /Black=0.39
1-0

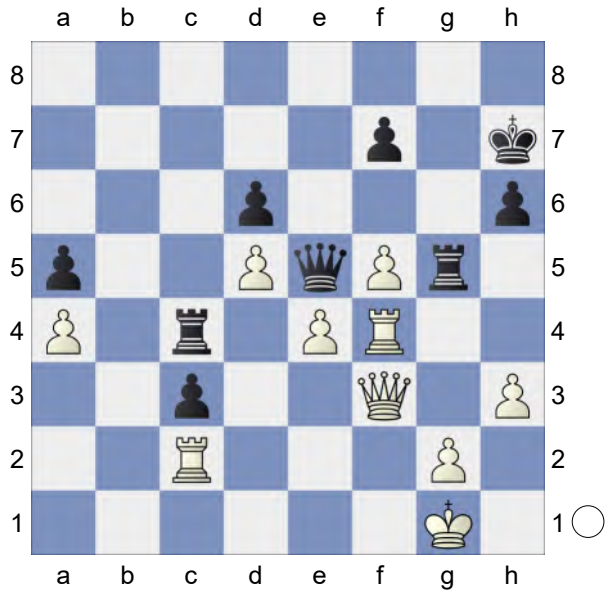
E46
□ **Goryachkina,A.** **2608**
■ **Muzychuk,A.** **2534**
36th ECC Women 2021 (1.2) 18.09.2021
[Kitty Kat]

E46: Nimzo-Indian: Rubinstein: 4 e3 0-0 5 Ne2 without early Bd3
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.e3 0-0 5.Bd2 c5 6.d5N
[6.Nf3 cxd4 7.Nxd4 Nc6 8.a3 Be7 9.Bd3 d5 10.Nf3 dxc4 11.Bxc4 b6 12.Qe2 Bb7 13.Ba6 Qc8 14.Bxb7 Qxb7 15.0-0 Rfd8 16.Rfd1 h6 17.Be1 a6 18.Rac1 b5 19.Rxd8+ Rxd8 20.a4 bxa4 (28) Nimzo Indian-4.e3 0-0 5. ♗d2 Survey 2020 21.Nxa4 Nd7 22.Rd1 Qb3 23.Nc3 Qb7 24.Ne4 Nf6 25.Nxf6+ Bxf6 26.Rxd8+ Nxd8 27.b3 Qxb3 28.Qxa6 Nimzo Indian-4.e3 0-0 5.Bd2 Survey 2020]
[6.a3 Bxc3 7.Bxc3 Ne4 8.Ne2 b6 9.d5 Ba6 10.b3 b5 11.Qd3 *(11.Qc2 exd5 12.cxd5 Nxc3 13.Qxc3 d6 14.Ng3 Nd7 15.Be2 Nf6 16.Qd2* Nimzo Indian-4 e3 0-0 5 Bd2 Nimzo & Benoni 2024*)* 11...Nxc3 12.Nxc3 bxc4 13.bxc4 exd5 14.Qxd5 Qa5 15.Qd2 Nc6 16.Be2 Rab8 17.0-0 Ne5 18.Rfc1 Rb3 19.f4 Nc6 20.Kf2 Rd8 0-1 (61) Yelligedik,M (2613)-18. Nc8 Rac8 19.Rb1 Qb7 (2632) 73/32 Kstovo 1998 (5.1)]
6...exd5 7.cxd5 d6 8.Nge2 -0.42/23
[8.Bd3= -0.06/21]
8...Re8 0.13/24
[Black should try 8...Nbd7!∓ -0.42/23]
9.Nf4 -0.41/27
[9.Ng3= 0.13/24]
9...Nbd7∓ 10.Be2 a6 11.0-0 Ne5 12.a3 Ba5 13.Re1 Bd7 14.Na2 b5 15.Bxa5 Qxa5 16.Nh5 Nxh5 17.Bxh5 Qb6 18.Nc3 a5 19.Qc2 b4 20.Ne4 Bb5 21.Rad1 Inhibits Bd3. **21...h6 22.Ng3 Rab8 23.f4 Nd7**
[23...Nc4 24.e4=]
24.a4 -1.00/22
[24.Qf2!∓ -0.60/22 was preferrable.]
24...Ba6∓ 25.Qf2 c4 26.Nf5 g6 0.00/25
[26...Nf6∓ -0.94/27 27.Bf3 c3]
27.Qg3!=
[27.Nxh6+ Kg7 28.Bg4 Nf6-+]



White wants to mate with Bxg6! **27...Kh7** Threatens to win with ...Nf6! **28.Qh3!** Threatening mate with Bxg6+! **28...Rg8** 0.65/25
[28...gxh5 29.Qxh5]
[Better is 28...gxf5= 0.00/25 29.Qxf5+ Kh8 30.Qxd7 Rxe3]
29.Bg4 White is more active. **29...gxf5 30.Bxf5+ Kg7 31.Bxd7 Bc8 32.Bxc8**

Rbxc8 33.Rd4 0.00/29
[33.Qg4+± 0.41/25 might be stronger. Kh7 34.Qf5+ Kg7 35.Kh1]
33...c3↑ Black is more active. **34.f5** -0.49/20
[34.Qg4+= 0.00/29 Kf6 35.Qh5 cxb2 36.Qxh6+ Ke7 37.Re4+ Kd8 *(37...Kd7 38.Qf6±)* 38.Qf6+ Kc7 39.Qxb2]
34...Qd8!∓
[34...cxb2? 35.f6+ Kh7 *(35...Kxf6 36.Rf1+ Ke7 37.Rxf7+* Decoy *Kxf7 38.Qd7+ Kg6 39.Rg4+ Kh5 40.Qf5+ Rg5 41.Rh4+* Skewer, Decoy *Kxh4 42.Qh3#)* 36.Qf5+ *(36.Rh4 Rg6=* Decoy *)* 36...Rg6 *(36...Kh8? 37.Rh4+-)* 37.Qxc8+-]
35.bxc3 bxc3 0.00/27
[35...Rxc3∓ -0.51/26 36.f6+ Qxf6 *(36...Kxf6 37.Rf1+ Kg7 38.Rg4++-)*]
36.Rc1 Kh7 Black has compensation. **37.Qf3 Qf6**
[37...Qg5 keeps more tension. 38.Rc2 Rb8 39.h4 Rb1+]
38.Rc2 Rg5 39.Rf4 Rc5 40.h3 Qe5 41.e4 Rc4

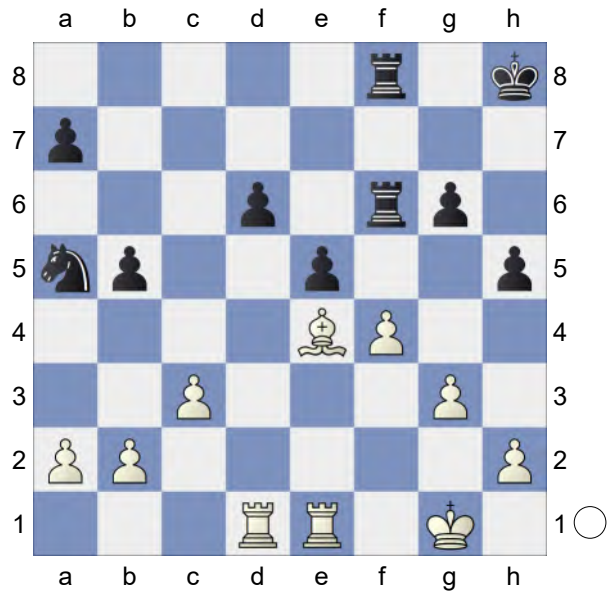


Hoping for …Rb4! **42.Qe3** The position is equal. **42...Rxa4** Strongly threatening ...Ra1+. **43.Rxc3 Ra1+ 44.Rf1! Ra2 45.Rf2** Really sharp! **45...Ra1+ 46.Rf1 Ra2 47.Rf2 Ra1+ 48.Rf1**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.14 (very precise) /Black=0.13 (very precise)
½-½

A81
□ **Gelfand,B.** **2703**
■ **Muzychuk,A.** **2564**
4th Gideon Japhet Mem Cup rapid (9.2)
[Kitty Kat]

A81: Dutch Defence: 2 g3
1.d4 f5 2.g3 Nf6 3.Bg2 g6 4.Nf3 Bg7 5.0-0 0-0 6.Nbd2 d6 7.Re1 Nc6 8.e4 fxe4 9.Nxe4 Nxe4 10.Rxe4 Bf5 11.Re1
[11.Rh4 is interesting. e5 12.Ng5 h6 13.Bd5+]
11...Qd7 12.c3 Prevents Nb4 **12...Kh8 13.Qb3N** White is better.
[13.Ng5 h6 14.d5 Nd8 15.Ne6 Nxe6 16.dxe6 Qb5 17.a4 Qa6 18.Bf1 Qc6 19.Bg2 Qa6 20.g4 Bd3 21.Re3 Bc4 22.b3 Bb5 23.Rh3 Be2 24.Qd2 Kg8 25.Qc2 Bxg4 26.Qxg6 Bf5 27.Qg3 Kh7 1-0 (33) Luft,A (2290)-Urankar,H (2220) Oberliga Bayern 9495 1994 [5] 28.Bf1 Qa5 29.Bd3 Bxd3 30.Qxd3+ Qf5 31.Qe3 Rf6 32.Bd2 Rxe6 33.Qf3 Qxf3 1-0 Cvitan (2290)-12. ♗f3 ♗f8 13. ♕d2 (2220) 58/262 Aalborg 1993 [5]]
13...Na5 14.Qb4 b6 15.d5 Ng5 is the strong threat. **15...c6?** 3.04/21
[15...Rae8± 1.00/24 was worth a try.]
16.Qh4+- Bf6 17.Bg5 cxd5 18.Bxf6+! Rxf6 19.Ng5 h5 20.Bxd5 Raf8 21.Ne4 Bxe4 22.Qxe4
[22.Rxe4 e6 *(22...Rxf2? 23.Qg5+-; 22...Qf5 23.Qf4=)* 23.Qh3 Qb5-+]

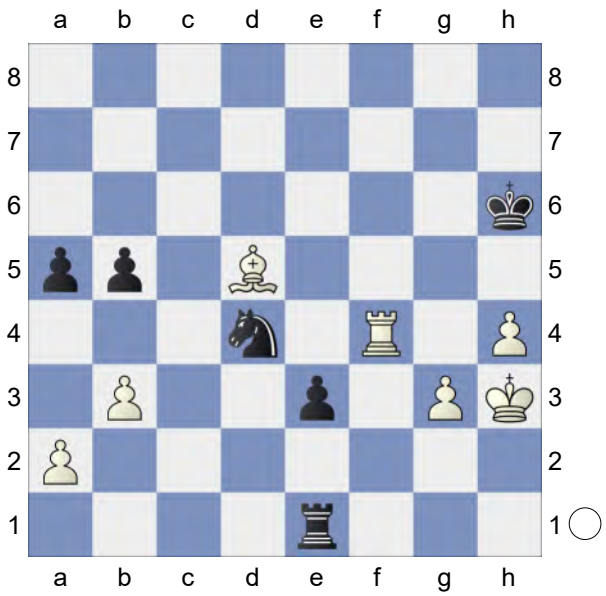
22...Qf5 23.Qxf5 Rxf5 24.Rad1 b5 25.f4 e5 26.Be4 Discovered Attack **26...R5f6**



27.fxe5 dxe5 28.b3 Prevents Nc4. **28...Rf2** 3.67/21
[28...Kg7 1.67/20 29.Rd5 a6]
29.Rf1 Rxf1+ 30.Rxf1 Endgame. KRB-KRN **30...Rc8 31.Bxg6 Rxc3 32.Bxh5** Bf3 would now be deadly. **32...Nc6 33.Bg6** Repels e4. Hoping for Rf7. **33...Nd4** 2.41/25
[33...Kg7± 1.36/19 was necessary. 34.Bb1 Nd4]
34.Be4 Re3 35.Bd5 Re2 36.Rf2 Black must now prevent Kg2. **36...Re1+ 37.Kg2** Strongly threatening h4. **37...a5?** 3.69/22
[37...e4 1.78/22]
38.h4 Kg7 39.Kh3 e4 40.Rf7+ Kh6 41.Rf4 e3

(Diagram)

42.Rxd4? 0.00/34 KRB-KR
[White has to play 42.Rf7!+- 3.02/31 Threatening mate with Be4. Kg6 *(42...e2 43.Be4)* 43.Kg4]
42...e2= The position is equal. **43.Bf3**



Rh1+! 44.Bxh1 e1Q KQ-KRB **45.Rd6+ Kg7 46.Bg2 Qe2 47.Rd5 a4 48.bxa4 bxa4 49.Rg5+ Kf6 50.Bd5 Qf1+ 51.Bg2 Qe2 52.Bd5 Qf1+ 53.Kg4 Qd1+ 54.Kf4 Qd4+ 55.Kf3 Qd3+ 56.Kf4 Qd4+** White really could win this. Weighted Error Value: White=0.19 (very precise) /Black=0.27 (precise)
½-½

D46

□	**Koneru,H.**	**2589**
■	**Muzychuk,A.**	**2598**

4th WGP Kazan 2012 (3) 12.06.2012
[Kitty Kat]

D46: Semi-Slav: 5 e3 Nbd7 6 Bd3, Black avoids the Meran
Golod,V: 'Inf 99/298' Myers: This game was nominated by Roald Berthelsen in Chess Mail's 1998 best game ever competition. He wrote, "Based upon thousands of CC games I have in my CC library, the following is an exciting game and one of my favourites. It has almost everything you could wish, but if it does not qualify for the best CC game

ever, I suggest that Prof. Becker should qualify for the Best Annotations ever for a CC game." The following notes by Prof. Albert Becker first appeared in a special number of the Magyar Sakkvilag, over two weeks, and were translated into German and published in CAISSA in 1949. This game was contested between the players who tied for 3rd place in the event. It was played from October 10, 1912, to August 28, 1913. /// Becker: In the year 1912 there began a notably strong international CC tournament, organised by Dr. Vecsey through the chess column of the Hungarian newspaper Alkotmany. There were 10 Hungarian players, 4 from Czechoslovakia, 3 Germans, 3 Romanians and one player each from Sweden, France, Austria, and Switzerland. After a great struggle the old fox Dr Nicolas Brody from Koloszvar (Romania) emerged in first place, without losing a game. The young foxes followed him: Kosta Rozic (Zagreb) and Dr Janos Balogh (Csikszereda) and Ferenc Chalupetzky (Gyor). Game nominated by Roald Berthelsen in Chess Mail's 1998 best game ever competition:
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[4...Bf5 5.Nf3 e6 6.Nh4 Be4 7.f3 Bg6 8.Bd2 Nbd7 9.Qb3 Qc7 10.0-0-0 Be7 11.Nxg6 hxg6 12.h3 Nh5 13.Bd3 Ng3 14.Rhe1 dxc4 15.Bxc4 0-0 16.e4 b5 17.Bxe6 fxe6 18.Qxe6+ Rf7 19.Qxg6 ½-½ (30) Tesic,D (2269)-Kuper (2251) (ol) 50/217 Novi Sad 1990 (6)]

5.Nf3 Nbd7N

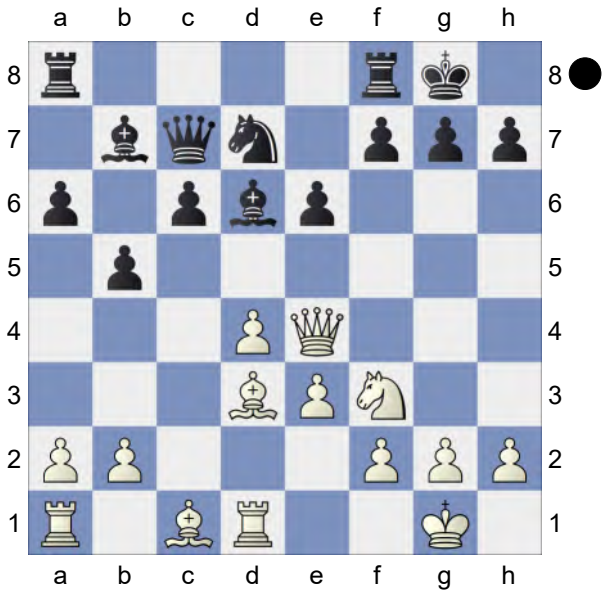
[5...Ne4 6.Bd3 f5 7.Ne5 Qh4 8.0-0 Bd6 9.f3 Nxc3 10.bxc3 Nd7 11.g3 Qh3 12.f4 Nf6 13.cxd5 exd5 14.c4 Be6 15.Rb1 h5 16.Rf2 Bxe5 17.fxe5 h4 18.exf6 hxg3 19.Rg2 dxc4 20.fxg7 1-0 (54) Chamberlain,A-Grimmer,B Great Britain 1995 Rh7 21.Bf1 Rxg7 22.Rxg3 Rxg3+ 23.hxg3 Qxg3+ 24.Bg2 0-0-0 25.Qf1 Rg8 26.Rb2 b5 27.d5 c3 28.Re2 cxd5 29.Rf2 Bd7 30.Qd3 Qe5 31.Kf1 Rg3 32.Qxd5 Qxd5 33.Bxd5 a5 34.e4 b4 35.exf5 1-0 (54) Chalupetzky,F-Balogh,J Alkotmany corr 1912 Bb5+ 36.Re2 Rd3 37.Be6+ Bd7 38.Bg5 a4 39.f6 Bxe6 40.Rxe6 Rf3+ 41.Ke2 Rf5 42.Kd3 Kd7 43.Re7+ Kd6 44.Bh4 Rf3+ 45.Kc2 Kd5 46.Re2 Rf4 47.Rf2 Rxf2+ 48.Bxf2 Ke6 49.Bd4 a3 50.Kb3 1-0 (54) Chalupetzky,F-Balogh,J Alkotmany tournament 1912]

[5...a6 6.b3 Nbd7 7.Bb2 Bd6 8.Be2 0-0 9.0-0 b5 10.Qc2 Bb7 11.e4 Nxe4 12.Nxe4 dxe4 13.Qxe4 bxc4 14.bxc4 Nf6 15.Qe3 Qe7 16.Rab1 Ng4 17.Qb3 c5 18.dxc5 Bxc5 19.h3 Bxf3 20.Qxf3 ½-½ (55) Rodshtein,M (2530)-Golod,V (2597) 99/298 Dresden 2007]

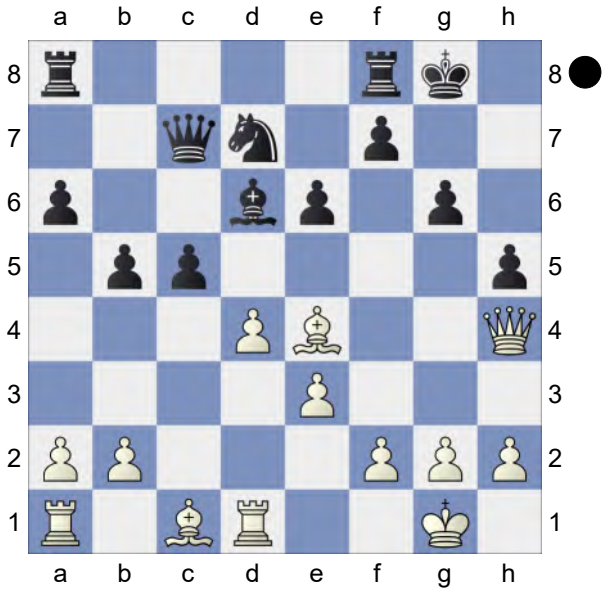
6.Qc2 Bd6 7.Bd3 0-0 8.0-0 dxc4 9.Bxc4 b5 10.Be2 a6 11.Rd1 Qc7 12.Ne4 Nxe4 13.Qxe4 Bb7 14.Bd3

(Diagram)

g6! 15.Qh4 Prevents Be7. **15...c5** White has an edge. **16.Ng5 h5 17.Ne4**



-0.17/19
[17.g4!± 0.40/23]
17...Bxe4= 18.Bxe4



Strongly threatening dxc5. **18...Rae8 19.Bd2 Be7 20.Qg3 Qxg3 21.hxg3** Bc6 would now be deadly. **21...Nf6 22.Bf3 cxd4 23.exd4** aiming for Bh6. **23...Rc8 24.a4 Rc4 25.axb5 axb5 26.Bg5 Rfc8 27.Ra7 R4c7 28.Ra5 b4 29.Rb5 Rd8 30.Kf1 Rcd7 31.Be3 Nd5 32.Bxd5 Rxd5 33.Rxd5 Rxd5** Endgame. KRB-KRB **34.Ke2 e5 35.dxe5 Rxe5 36.Rc1 Bf6 37.Rc8+ Kg7 38.Rb8 Be7 39.Kd3** Hoping for Bd4. **39...Rd5+ 40.Bd4+ f6 41.Kc4** Against Bc5 **41...Rd7 42.Rb5 Kf7 43.Rb6 Rc7+ 44.Kd3 Rd7 45.Ke3 Rc7 46.Ke2 Rc1 47.Kf3 Re1 48.Be3 Rb1 49.Bd4 Re1 50.Be3 Rb1 51.Bd4 f5 52.Ke2 Rg1 53.Be3 h4 54.Kf3 hxg3 55.fxg3 Rb1 56.Bd4 Rd1 57.Be5 Rd5 58.Kf4 Rd2** Threatens to win with ...Rf2+. **59.g4** -0.62/29
[White should try 59.Ke3!= -0.08/29 Rxg2 60.Kd3]
59...Re2 And now ...Re4+ would win. **60.Rb5 Rxg2 61.gxf5** The position is equal. **61...Rf2+ 62.Ke4 gxf5+ 63.Ke3 Rf1 64.Ke2 Rc1 65.Rb6 Rc5 66.Bd4 Rd5 67.Bf2 Re5+ 68.Kf3 Re4 69.Bg1 Bf6 70.Bc5 Bxb2 71.Rxb4 Rxb4 72.Bxb4 Ke6**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.05 (flawless) /Black=0.03 (flawless)
½-½

B19
□ **Muzychuk,A.** **2598**
■ **Stefanova,A.** **2518**
4th WGP Kazan 2012 (2) 11.06.2012
[Kitty Kat]

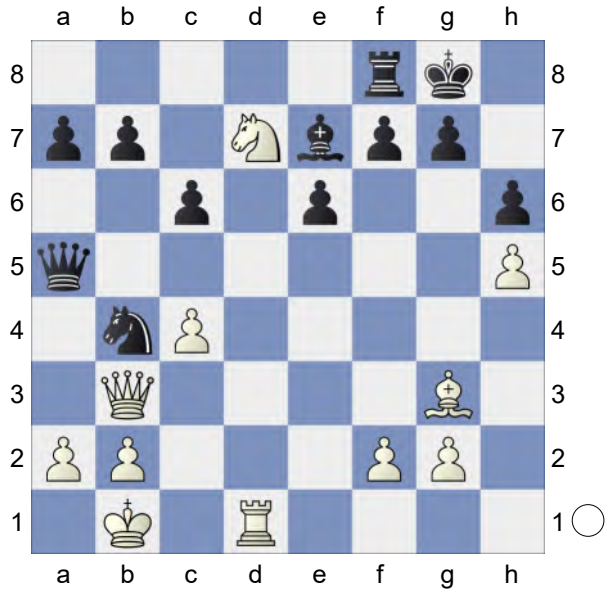
B19: Classical Caro-Kann: 4...Bf5 main line
1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 dxe4 4.Nxe4 Bf5 5.Ng3 Bg6 6.h4 h6 7.Nf3 Nd7 8.h5 Bh7 9.Bd3 Bxd3 10.Qxd3 e6 11.Bd2 Ngf6 12.0-0-0 Be7 13.Kb1 Qc7 14.Ne4 Rd8 15.Nxf6+ Nxf6 16.Ne5N
[16.Qe2 c5 17.dxc5 Qxc5 18.Ne5 Rd4 19.f4 0-0 20.c3 Ra4 21.c4 Bd6 22.Bc3 Bxe5 23.fxe5 Nh7 24.b3 Ra6 25.Rd7 Ng5 26.Rhd1 Rb8 27.Rd8+ Rxd8 28.Rxd8+ Kh7

29.Qc2+ g6 30.Rd7 Kg8 1-0 (36) Gelfand,B (2738)-Kasimdzhanov,R (2684) London FIDE GP 1st 2012 (11) 31.hxg6 Kg7 32.gxf7 Nxf7 33.Qe2 Kg8 34.Qf3 Qf8 35.Rxb7 Qg7 36.Kb2 1-0 Adams,M (2722)-Nakamura,H (2783) 116/51 London 2012]

16...0-0 The position is equal. **17.Bf4 Nd5 18.Bg3** Threatens to win with Nxf7! **18...Qb6 19.c4 Nb4** 0.88/22

[19...Nf6!= 0.18/23 remains equal.]

20.Qb3 And now c5 would win. **20...Rxd4** Hoping for ...Rfd8. **21.Nd7 Rxd1+ 22.Rxd1 Qa5**



23.a3!↑ White has strong compensation. Black is under strong pressure. White is more active.

[23.Nxf8 Qf5+ 24.Kc1 Bg5+ 25.f4 Bxf4+ 26.Bxf4 Qxf4+ 27.Kb1 Qf5+ 28.Kc1 Qf4+ 29.Rd2 *(29.Kb1 Qe4+ 30.Kc1 Qf4+=)* 29...Qf1+ 30.Rd1 Qf4+=]

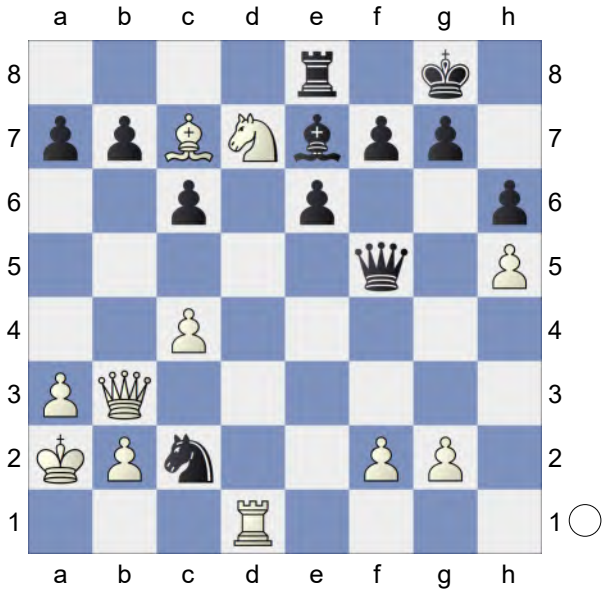
23...Qf5+ 24.Ka1 Nc2+ 25.Ka2 Rd8 2.58/20 This costs Black the game.

[25...Re8± 1.14/17]

26.Bc7+-

[26.Qxb7 Qg4 *(26...Qxh5 27.Rd2±)* 27.Rd2 Qxc4+ 28.Qb3 Qxb3+ 29.Kxb3 Ne1=]

26...Re8



27.f3

[27.Qxb7 Nxa3 *(27...Qxh5 28.Rd2=)* 28.Qxc6 Qc2=]

27...Bg5 28.g4

[28.Qxb7 Ne3 29.Rd4 c5∓ *(29...Nxg2 30.Qxc6 Ne3 31.f4+-)*]

28...Qh7 29.f4

[29.Qxb7 Ne3 30.Rd4 Qc2±]

29...Bh4 30.Rd2

[30.Qxb7 Ne3 31.Rd4 Nxg4±]

30...Ne1 31.Qe3 Dodges Qe4

[31.Qxb7 Nf3 32.Rd6 Qc2±]

31...b6 32.Ne5 White is clearly winning. **32...c5 33.Qe2 Bg3 34.Nc6 g5 35.hxg6**

[Inferior is 35.Nxa7 gxf4 36.Nb5 Rf8= *(36...f3 37.Qf1=)*]

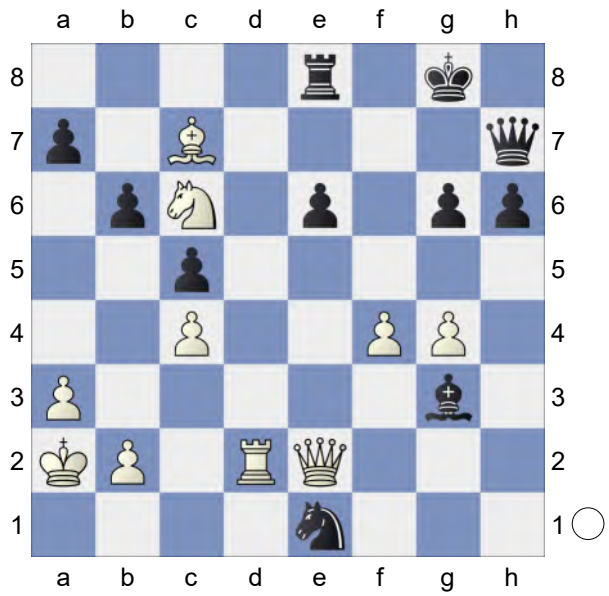
35...fxg6

(Diagram)

36.Ne5! g5

[36...Qxc7 37.Rd7]

37.Nd7 Qf7 Inhibits Nf6+. **38.fxg5 Bxc7 39.Nf6+**



[Not 39.Qxe1 hxg5 40.Qe4 Re7=]

39...Kf8 40.Qxe1 Black is weak on the light squares **40...Bf4** 8.14/21

[⌓40...Rd8 4.58/21 41.Rf2 Bg3 42.Nh7+ Kg8 43.Rxf7 Discovered Attack Bxe1 44.Rxa7 hxg5 45.Nxg5 e5]

41.Rd7 Re7 42.Rd8+ Kg7 43.Qe4 hxg5 44.Nh5+

Weighted Error Value: White=0.15 (very precise) /Black=0.38

1-0

C45

□ **Muzychuk,A.** **2598**

■ **Kosteniuk,A.** **2457**

4th WGP Kazan 2012 (6) 16.06.2012

[Kitty Kat]

C45: Scotch Game

Bandza,A; Kalinin,O: 'Inf 41/370' **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 exd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nxc6 bxc6 6.e5 Qe7 7.Qe2 Nd5 8.Nd2 Nb4 9.Nf3 Ba6 10.c4 c5 11.a3**

[11.g3 Qe6 12.a3 Nc6 13.Bd2 0-0-0 14.0-0-0 g6 15.Bg5 Be7 16.Bxe7 Qxe7 17.Qe3 Rhe8 18.Rd5 d6 19.Bh3+ Kb8 20.Qb3+ Bb7 21.Re1 Qf8 22.Bg2 Na5 23.Qa4 Bxd5 24.cxd5 Nb7 25.Bf1 dxe5 1-0 (29) Aranaz Murillo,A (2682)-Uyanga,B (2688) (open) 46/(730) 1988 (8.1)]

11...Nc6 12.Bd2 h6N

[12...0-0-0 13.Bc3 *(13.0-0-0 Re8 14.Qd3 Qe6 15.Bc3 Be7 16.h4 f6 17.Qd5 Bb7 18.exf6 gxf6 19.Qh5 Bd6 20.Re1 Bf4+ 21.Kb1 Ne5 22.Rh3 Ref8 23.Ka1 Qf7 24.Qf5 Nxf3 25.gxf3 Bd6 26.Bd3 Qg7 27.f4 Qg2* 1-0 (56) Neumann,J-Kreuzer,M W-ch16 q02 corr9296 1992*)* 13...d5 14.exd6 Rxd6 15.Qxe7 Bxe7 16.Be2 Re6 17.b3 Re8 18.Ra2 Bf6 19.Bxf6 gxf6 20.Kd1 Na5 21.Bd3 Rb6 22.Bxh7 Nxb3 23.Bd3 Na5 24.Nd2 Nxc4 25.Kc2 Nd6 26.h4 c4 27.Bf1 ½-½ (32) Oll,L-Kalinin,O USSR 41/370 1986]

[12...Qe6 13.Bc3 Be7 14.0-0-0 0-0 15.Qe4 f5 16.Qd5 Rad8 17.h4 h6 18.Bd3 Bb7 19.Bc2 Ba8 20.Rd2 Kh8 21.Kb1 Qg6 22.h5 Qg4 23.Qd3 Nb4 24.axb4 cxb4 25.Bd4 c5 26.Bxc5 Bxc5 27.Nh4 0-1 (38) Tirb,A (2478)-San Segundo Carrillo,P (2587) FRA Cup final 2004 (7)]

[12...d5 13.exd6 Qxe2+ 14.Bxe2 Bxd6 15.b4 cxb4 16.axb4 Nxb4 17.Ra4 Rb8 18.0-0 Bc8 C 45/24 2000]

13.Bc3 Qe6 14.0-0-0 White is slightly better. **14...Be7 15.Nd2** 0.21/23

[15.g3± 0.63/20]

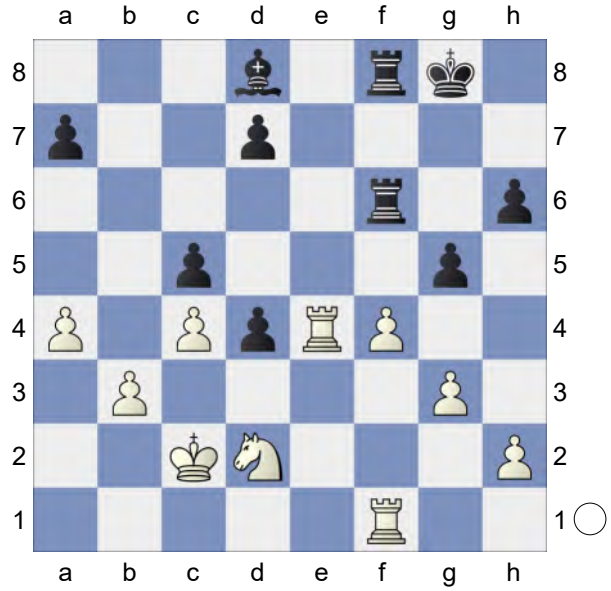
15...Rb8 16.f4 Nd4 17.Bxd4 -0.93/18

[17.Qe3± 0.52/22 keeps the upper hand.]

17...cxd4∓ 18.Nf3 Qb6 -0.40/21

[18...c5∓ -0.91/21 And now ...0-0 would win. 19.Qc2 0-0]

19.Qc2!∓ Qa5 20.Qd2
[20.Nxd4 Bxa3 21.Nb5 *(21.bxa3? too greedy. Qxa3+ 22.Kd2 Rb2-+ Pin)* 21...Bc5∓]
20...Qxd2+ 21.Rxd2 c5 22.Bd3 Bb7 23.Kc2 Bc6 24.b3 0-0 25.Re2 Rb6 26.Be4 f5 27.exf6 Bxe4+ 28.Rxe4 Bxf6 Strongly threatening ...d3+! **29.Nd2 Bd8 30.Rf1 Ra6 31.a4 Raf6 32.g3 g5**



33.b4! Deflection **33...cxb4**
[33...gxf4 34.bxc5]
34.Rxd4 gxf4 35.gxf4 R8f7 The position is equal. **36.Ne4 Re6**
[36...Rxf4 simplifies 37.Rxf4 Rxf4 38.Rxd7 Rxe4 39.Rxd8+ Kf7]
37.f5 Re5 38.Nd6 Rg7 39.Re4 Bf6 40.Rf2 Repels Rg2 **40...Rge7** Inhibits Ne8. **41.Rfe2 Kf8 42.h3 h5 43.Rxe5 Rxe5 44.Rxe5 Bxe5=** Endgame. KB-KN **45.Ne4** aiming for a5. **45...a5 46.Kb3 Ke7 47.Kc2 Bf4 48.Kb3 d6 49.Kc2 Kf7 50.Kb3 Ke7 51.Kc2 Kf7 52.Kb3 Ke7 53.Kc2**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.11 (very precise) /Black=0.08 (flawless)
½-½

A11
□ **Nepomniachtchi,I. 2757**
■ **Muzychuk,A. 2564**
4th Gideon Japhet Mem Cup rapid (6.1)
[Kitty Kat]

A11: English Opening: 1...c6
Playing someone with a significantly lower rating poses its own problems. In February in Calcutta I had played my first open tournament for about 10 years and I found the going tough, scoring only 4 victories with 7 draws in the event. I guess I am out of practice. **1.Nf3 d5 2.e3 Nf6 3.c4**
[3.b3 c5 4.Bb2 a6 5.Be2 Nc6 6.d4 e6 7.0-0 Be7 8.c4 0-0 9.Nbd2 cxd4 10.Nxd4 Nxd4 11.Bxd4 dxc4 12.Nxc4 b5 13.Bf3 Nd5 14.Nb6 Rb8 15.Nxd5 exd5 16.Qd2 Be6 17.Rac1 Qd7 0-1 (39) Oro,F (2211)-Rego,P (2305) Titled Tuesday intern op 28th Feb Late blitz 2023 (1)]
3...c6N
[3...g6 4.cxd5 Nxd5 5.d4 Bg7 6.e4 Nb6 7.a4 a5 8.Bb5+ c6 9.Be2 Bg4 10.Nbd2 0-0 11.h3 Bxf3 12.Nxf3 c5 13.Be3 20: Nf3 d5-1.Nf3 d5 2.e3 Nf6 #3]
[3...c5 4.a3 Nc6 5.cxd5 Nxd5 6.d4 e6 7.Be2 cxd4 8.Nxd4 Bd7 9.e4 Nxd4 10.Qxd4 Rc8 11.0-0 Qb6 12.Qxb6 Nxb6 13.Nc3 Nc4 14.Rd1 f6 15.Bxc4 Rxc4 16.Be3 a6 17.Rd3 Rc8 18.Rad1 0-1 (61) Thrower,C (2485)-Trkaljanov,V (2687) 8th Pfalz Open 2017 (8) Bc6 19.f3 Be7 20.g4 Kf7 21.Kg2 Rhd8 22.Rxd8 Bxd8 23.h4 Bc7 24.h5 Be5 25.Bd4 Bb8 26.Bb6 Bf4 27.Kf2 Be8 28.Be3 Be5 29.Bd4 Bf4 30.Be3 Be5 31.Bd4 Bb8 32.Ke2 Bc6 33.Bb6 ½-½ (61) Fernandez,D (2380)-Wang,P (2455)

Budapest FS04 GM 2014 (6.4) Bh2 34.Rd8 Rxd8 35.Bxd8 Bf4 36.Kd3 f5 37.Bb6 Bc1 38.Kc2 Bg5 39.Kd3 Bc1 40.Kc2 Bg5 41.Kd3 h6 42.Bd4 fxg4 43.fxg4 Bc1 44.Nd1 Bb5+ 45.Kc2 Bf4 46.Nf2 e5 47.Bc5 Be2 48.b4 0-1 (61) Seeman,T (2435)-Short, N (2660) Keres Memorial 1998 (3)]

4.Nc3 e6 5.b3 Bd6 6.Bb2 0-0 7.Be2 Nbd7 8.Qc2 b6 9.Rg1 Bb7 10.g4 Qe7 White is slightly better. **11.g5 Ne8 12.h4 Rc8 13.h5 Ba3** 1.12/18

[Black should try 13...b5!± 0.55/19]

14.Bxa3± Qxa3 15.cxd5 0.29/19 White is more active.

[White should play 15.Bd3!± 1.03/19]

15...cxd5= 16.Bb5 Qe7 0.40/20

[16...Nc5= 0.02/19]

17.Qb2 -0.67/21

[17.Bxd7!± 0.40/20 Qxd7 18.Qd3]

17...Nd6 0.69/22

[17...f6!∓ -0.67/21 18.Bxd7 Qxd7 19.gxf6 d4 20.Nxd4 Rxf6]

18.Bxd7± Qxd7 19.h6 -0.34/22

[19.Ne2± 0.63/23]

19...Nf5 1.09/20

[19...d4!∓ -0.34/22 20.Nxd4 e5]

20.Ne2 Threatens to win with Ned4.

20...g6? 2.50/21

[20...d4± 0.76/20 21.Nexd4 *(21.Nfxd4 Nxd4 22.Qxd4 Qxd4±)* 21...Nxd4 22.Qxd4 Qxd4 23.Nxd4 gxh6 24.gxh6+ Kh8]

21.Ng3? 0.58/19

[21.Ne5!+- 2.50/21 Qc7 22.Ng4]

21...f6!

[21...d4 22.Nxf5 *(22.Nxd4 Nh4-+)* 22...exf5 23.Qxd4 Qxd4 24.Nxd4±]

22.gxf6 0.00/20

[22.Nxf5± 0.83/24 N5h4 is the strong threat. exf5 23.gxf6]

22...Qf7? 1.56/23

[22...Nxh6= 0.00/20 23.Qd4 Qd8]

23.Nh5 0.17/20

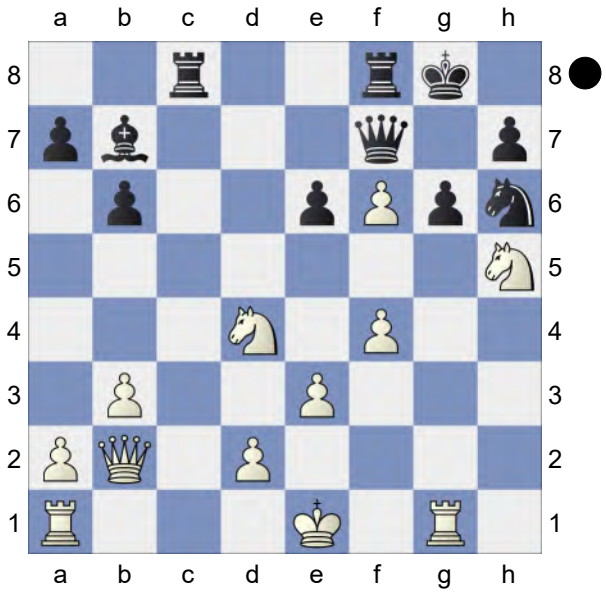
[23.Nxf5± 1.56/23 exf5 24.Ke2]

23...d4!= 24.Nxd4 -0.84/22

[24.Ne5= 0.22/19 Qc7 25.exd4]

24...Nxh6∓ 25.f4 -1.82/22

[25.Rc1∓ -1.00/21]



25...Rc5!-+ 26.Rg5 -2.20/20

[26.Ng7∓ -1.34/20 Qxf6 *(26...e5 27.Nde6-+)* 27.Ngxe6]

26...Nf5 -0.79/18

[26...Rxg5-+ -2.20/20 27.fxg5 gxh5 28.gxh6 Qxf6]

27.Nxf5∓ exf5 28.Rc1 -1.65/25

[28.Rg1∓ -0.84/21 was called for.]

(Diagram)

28...Rfc8? 0.00/28

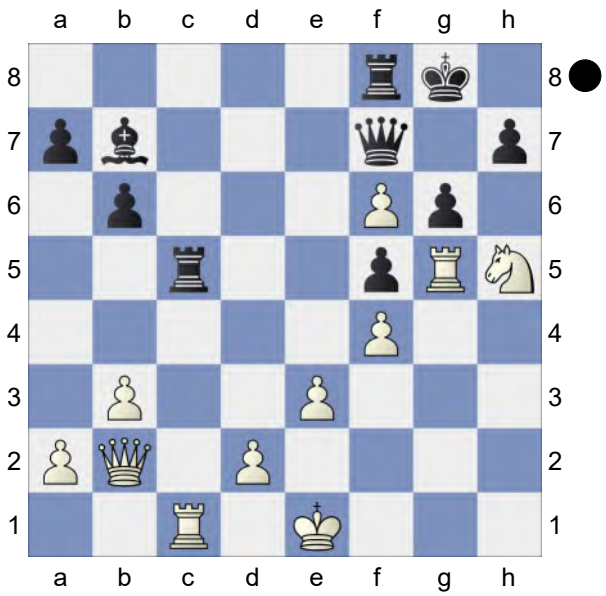
[28...Bf3!-+ -1.65/25 29.Rxc5 bxc5]

29.Rxc5= Rxc5 30.b4 Rc8 31.Ng3 Qd5 Black has compensation.

[31...h6? 32.Nxf5 Kh7 33.Nd6+-]

32.Ne2 White is weak on the light squares

[32.Nxf5 Rc1+ 33.Qxc1 *(33.Ke2* is a self mate. *Qf3+ 34.Kd3 Qf1+*



35.Kd4 Qc4+ 36.Ke5 Qd5#) 33...Qh1+ *(33...Qxa2 34.f7+ Kf8 35.Qc7 Qa1+ 36.Kf2 Qf6 37.Nh6 Kg7 38.Qb8)* 34.Ke2 Qxc1-+]

32...Kf7 33.Rg1 Qd6 34.Nd4 Bd5 35.Nxf5 Qxf6 36.Nh6+ Kg7 37.Qxf6+ Kxf6 Endgame. KRB-KRN **38.Ng4+ Kf5⇄** And now ...Rc1+ would win. Black has counterplay **39.Ke2** Threatening Nf2. **39...Bxa2 40.Ne5** With the idea Ra1. **40...Bd5 41.Rg5+ Ke6 42.Ng4** 0.05/24

[42.Nf3!± 0.58/20 Bxf3+ 43.Kxf3]

42...Rc2 43.e4 Bc4+ 1.24/22

[Better is 43...Ba2± 0.39/21]

44.Ke3± Rb2 45.Kd4 -0.07/26

[45.d3± 1.32/21 Ba2 46.Ne5]

45...Rxb4= The position is equal. **46.Kc3 Ra4 47.d4 Be2 48.Ne5** Against Rc4+ **48...a5 49.f5+ gxf5 50.Rxf5 b5 51.d5+ Kd6 52.Nf7+ Ke7 53.d6+ Kd7 54.Re5** aiming for Re7+. **54...Bg4 55.Re7+ Kc6 56.e5 Rc4+ 57.Kb2 Kd5 58.d7 Bxd7** Deflection **59.Rxd7+ Ke6 60.Rb7 Rf4 61.Ng5+ Kxe5 62.Rxb5+ Kf6 63.Nxh7+ Kg6** White used his chance.

Weighted Error Value: White=0.32/ Black=0.27 (precise)

½-½

B33

□ **Muzychuk,A.** **2549**
■ **Fressinet,L.** **2702**

4th Karpov Trophy Prelim rapid (4.3)
[Kitty Kat]

B33: Sicilian: Pelikan and Sveshnikov Variations

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 e5 6.Ndb5 d6 7.Bg5 a6 8.Na3 b5 9.Nd5 Be7 10.Bxf6 Bxf6 11.c4 b4 12.Nc2 0-0 13.g3 Bg5 14.Bg2

[14.Ncxb4 Nxb4 15.Nxb4 Qb6-+]

14...Qa5

[14...a5 15.0-0 Ne7 16.Nde3 Bxe3 17.Nxe3 Be6 18.Kh1 Qc7 19.f4 f6 20.f5 Bf7 21.g4 Ra7 22.Qd3 Nc6 23.Nc2 a4 24.Rfd1 Rfa8 25.Rac1 Qb6 26.Qxd6 Rd8 27.c5 Rxd6 28.cxb6 Rxd1+ 29.Rxd1 ½-½ (76) De Siqueira,L (2014)-Silva,K (2215) Caxambu op 2023 (5)]

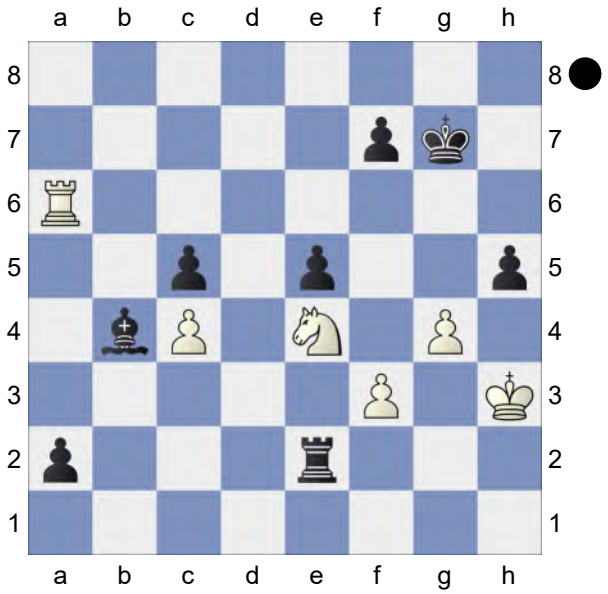
15.0-0 Qc5! 16.Qd3 Be6 17.Kh1N

[17.Rad1 a5 18.Kh1 Ra7 19.f4 Bd8 20.Nde3 Nd4 21.Nxd4 Qxd4 22.f5 Qxd3 23.Rxd3 Bd7 24.Rxd6 Be7 25.Rd3 f6 26.Nd5 Bc5 27.g4 Bc6 28.h4 h6 29.Rg3 Kf7 30.Bf3 Rh8 31.Kg2 Bd4 ½-½ (43) Sarwinski,M (2695)-Robertson,D (2517) URS-ch06 Semifinal Group 1 1929 (1) 32.b3 Bxd5 33.exd5 a4 34.d6 axb3 35.Bd5+ Ke8 36.Bc6+ Kd8 37.axb3 Ra6 38.Bb5 Rxd6 39.g5 hxg5 40.hxg5 e4 41.Rd1 Be5 42.Rxd6+ Bxd6 43.Re3 ½-½ Alekseev,E (2695)-Yakovich,Y (2517) Russian Team Championship 2013 (1)]

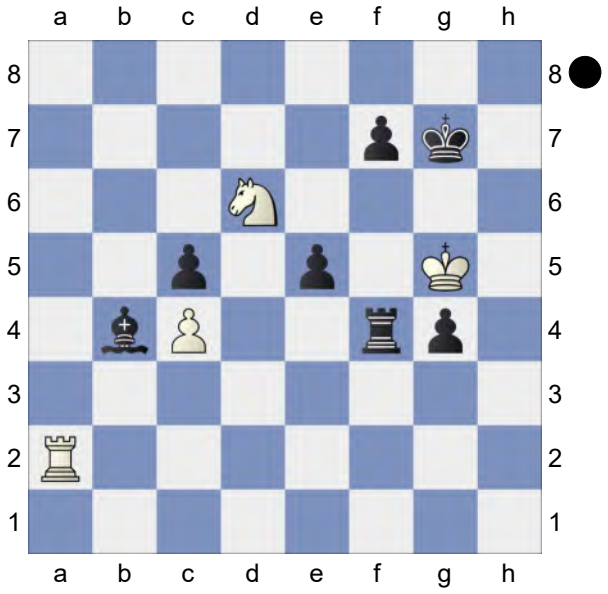
17...Bxd5 18.Qxd5 Rab8 19.Rad1 b3 20.axb3 Rxb3 21.Qxc5
[21.Qxd6 keeps more tension. Qxc4 22.h4 Be7 23.Qd5]
21...dxc5 22.Rd5 Be7 23.Ne3 Rfb8 24.Rd7 R8b7 -0.18/24
[24...Rxb2∓ -0.72/23 25.Rc7 R2b6]
25.Rxb7= Rxb7 26.Ra1 a5 27.Ra2 Bd8 28.Bf1 Rb3 29.Kg2 -0.74/28
[29.Nd5∓ -0.31/23 is more appropriate.]
29...Nb4 Deflection **30.Ra1 Rxb2 31.Rd1! Bf6 32.Rd7 h5 33.h4** -0.94/24 Prevents Bg5
[33.Nd1∓ -0.31/23 Rb1 34.Nc3]
33...a4∓ 34.Ra7 Ra2 35.Nd5 a3! 36.Ra4 Nc2 37.Be2 Rb2 aiming for ... a2. **38.Bd1 a2**
[38...Ne1+?! 39.Kf1 Nc2 *(39...Nd3 40.Rxa3 Nxf2 41.Bf3=)* 40.Bxc2 *(40.Bxh5? a2-+)* 40...Rxc2 41.Rxa3 Rxc4 42.Ra6=]
39.Bxc2 Rxc2 Endgame. KRB-KRN **40.Ne3 Rb2 41.Nd5 Rc2 42.Ne3 Re2 43.Nd5 Rxe4** -0.11/27
[43...Rb2∓ -1.05/25]
44.Ne3= g5 45.hxg5 Bxg5 46.Nf5 -4.95/24
[White must play 46.Kf3∓ -0.66/25 Rd4 47.Rxa2]
46...Re2-+ 47.Kf3 Rc2 48.Nd6 Bd2 49.Ne4 Bb4 50.Ra7 Rb2
[50...Rxc4 51.Rxa2 Rd4 52.Ra8+ Kg7 53.Rb8∓]
51.Kg2 Kg7 52.Kh3 Re2 53.f3 Kg6 ...f5 would now be deadly. **54.Ra6+ Kg7 55.g4**

(Diagram)

Re3!
[55...hxg4+ 56.Kxg4 Kf8 57.Ra7∓]
56.Rxa2 Rxf3+ 57.Kh4 Rf4 58.Nd6



hxg4
[58...Rxg4+ 59.Kxh5 Rg6 60.Ne4-+]
59.Kg5



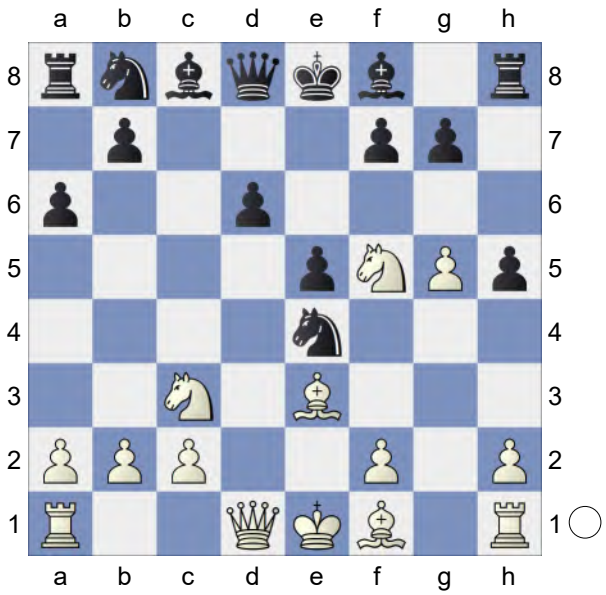
f6+? -0.01/20
[59...Kf8!-+ -3.23/25 White must now prevent ...g3. 60.Nf5 Ke8 *(60...Rxc4 61.Ra8#)* 61.Ra8+ Kd7 62.Ra7+ Kd8 *(62...Kc6 63.Ne7+ Kb6 64.Nc8+ Kc6 65.Ne7+ Kb6 66.Nc8+ Kc6 67.Ne7+=)* 63.Rxf7 g3 *(63...Rxc4 64.Kf6∓)*]
60.Kh5= Kf8
[60...f5!? 61.Kg5□ g3 62.Nxf5+ Kf7

63.Ra7+ Ke8=]
61.Ra7 g3 Strongly threatening ...g2.
62.Rf7+ -0.46/5
[62.Kg6= 0.00/34 was preferrable.]
62...Kg8∓ 63.Re7! f5 0.00/36
[63...Rg4!∓ -0.67/38 64.Kxg4 *(64.Re8+ Kh7∓)* 64...g2]
64.Kg6= The position is equal.
[64.Kh6!? Rh4+□ 65.Kg6 Rg4+ 66.Kf6=]
64...Rg4+ 65.Kf6! e4 ...Bc3+ is the strong threat.
[65...Bd2!? 66.Re8+□ Kh7 67.Re7+ Kg8 *(67...Kh8 68.Nf7+ Kg8 69.Re8+ Kh7 70.Rh8#)* 68.Re8+ Kh7 69.Re7+ Kg8= *(69...Kh8 70.Nf7+ Kg8 71.Re8+ Kh7 72.Rh8#)*]
66.Re8+ Kh7 67.Re7+ Kg8!
And now ...Bc3+ would win.
[Weaker is 67...Kh8 68.Nf7+ Kg8 69.Re8+ Kh7 70.Rh8#]
68.Re8+ Kh7 69.Re7+ Kg8!
[And not 69...Kh8 70.Nf7+ Kg8 71.Re8+ Kh7 72.Rh8#]
70.Re8+ Kh7 71.Re7+ Kg8!
White happily takes the draw.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.28 (precise) /Black=0.15 (very precise)
[Stronger than 71...Kh8 72.Nf7+ Kg8 73.Re8+ Kh7 74.Rh8#]
½-½

B81

□ **Muzychuk,A.** **2598**
■ **Hou Yifan** **2623**
4th WGP Kazan 2012 (10) 21.06.2012
[Kitty Kat]

B81: Sicilian Scheveningen: Keres Attack
1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.Be3 e6 7.g4 e5! 8.Nf5 h5 0.54/21
[8...g6!∓ -0.36/21 9.g5 gxf5 10.gxf6 f4]
9.g5± Nxe4



Discovered Attack **10.Nxg7+**
White is slightly better. **10...Bxg7**
11.Nxe4 d5 12.Ng3 d4 13.Bd2
[13.Nxh5 Rxh5 14.Qxh5 dxe3 15.fxe3 Bf5=]
13...Nc6 14.Bd3
[14.h4 Qd5 15.f3 Be6 16.Bd3 0-0-0 17.Qe2 Kb8 18.a3 Ne7 19.Qe4 Qd7 20.0-0-0 Ng6 21.Nf5 Bf8 22.Be1 Bd5 23.Qe2 Qa4 24.Bg3 Bxa3 25.bxa3 Qxa3+ 26.Kd2 Qa5+ 27.Kc1 Rhe8 28.Ng7 Re7 ½-½ (39) Khairullin,I (2544)-Vachier Lagrave,M (2637) Moscow Aeroflot op-A1 2008 (5)]
14...Bg4 15.f3 Be6 16.Qe2 h4N
[16...Qb6 17.0-0 h4 18.Nf5 Bf8 19.Rae1 0-0-0 20.f4 Qxb2 21.fxe5 Qxa2 22.Nd6+ Bxd6 23.exd6 Rxd6 24.Bf4 Rdd8 Najdorf Be3 - e6 Perenyi-Buck 2003]
17.Ne4 Qe7 Wards off b4 **18.a3 Rg8 19.0-0-0 0-0-0 20.f4 exf4 21.Bxf4**

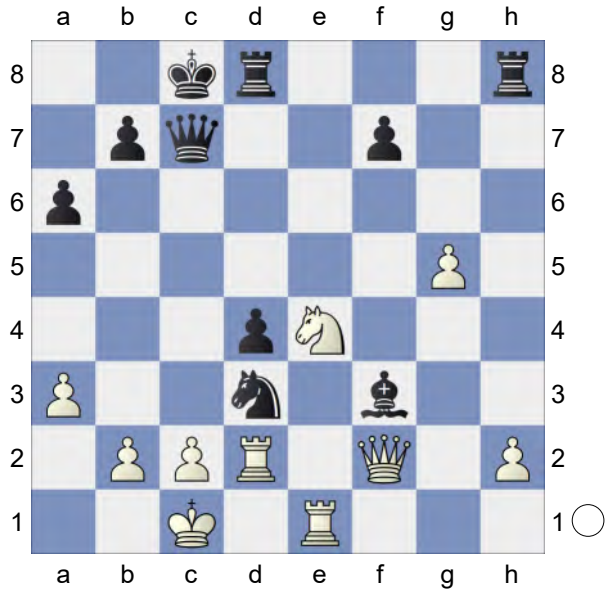
Be5 22.Qf2 Qc7 The position is equal. **23.Bxe5 Nxe5 24.Qxh4 Bg4** Threatens to win with ...Rh8! **25.Rd2 Rh8**

[25...Nxd3+ 26.Rxd3 Qf4+ 27.Nd2 Qxg5 *(27...Rxg5 28.Rf3±)* 28.Qxg5 Rxg5 29.Rg1=]

[25...Nxd3+ simplifies 26.Rxd3 Qf4+ 27.Nd2 Qxg5 28.Qxg5 Rxg5 29.Rg1 Re5]

26.Qf2 Hoping for h4. **26...Bf3 27.Re1 Nxd3+!**

[Don't go for 27...Rxh2? 28.Nd6+ Qxd6 29.Qxh2 Nxd3+ 30.cxd3+-]



Remove Defender **28.Rxd3 Rxh2 29.Nd6+**

[29.Qxf3? Qxc2#]

29...Qxd6 30.Qxf3 Kb8 31.Red1 Qe5 32.Qf6 Qxf6 33.gxf6 Rf2 34.Rxd4 Rxd4 35.Rxd4 Rxf6 36.Rd7 Ka7 37.Kd2

Weighted Error Value: White=0.05 (flawless) /Black=0.06 (flawless)

½-½

B17

□ **Muzychuk,A. 2523**

■ **Harikrishna,P. 2672**

Corus B Wijk aan Zee NED (3) 18.01.10

[Kitty Kat]

B17: Caro-Kann: Modern Line (4...Nd7)

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 dxe4 4.Nxe4 Nd7 5.Bd3 Ngf6 6.Ng5 e6 7.N1f3 Bd6 8.Qe2 h6 9.Ne4 Nxe4 10.Qxe4 Qc7 11.0-0 b6 12.b3N -0.10/25

[12.Qg4± 0.39/21 Kf8 *(12...g5 13.Qh3 Rg8 14.Re1 Bf8 15.Qf5 Bg7 16.h4 Kf8 17.Qh3 Rh8 18.hxg5 hxg5 19.Qg4 c5 20.Bxg5 cxd4 21.Rad1* Kristiansen,E-Benoni without ...Nf6: 1...g6 Djakovica 128/99 2016*)* 13.Qh4 *(13.Re1 c5 14.c3 Bb7 15.Qh3 Rd8 16.Be4 Bxe4 17.Rxe4 Nf6 18.Re1 g6 19.b3 Kg7 20.dxc5 Bxc5 21.Bb2 Rd5 22.c4 Rh5 23.Qg3 Bd6 24.Ne5 Rd8 25.h3 Rf5 26.Re2 Bc5 27.Rf1 Kh7* 1-0 (34) Simonsen,D (2738)-5. ♘g5 ♘gf6 6. ♗d3 (2643) corr 22/684_290106 1976 (1)*; 13.b3 Bb7 14.Bb2 Nf6 15.Qh3 Nd5 16.g3 c5 17.dxc5 Qxc5 18.Rae1 Nf6 19.Ne5 Rd8 20.Qh4 Bc7 21.b4 Qe7 22.a3 a6 23.Re2 Nd5 24.Qh5 Nf6 25.Qh4 Nd5* Kristiansen,E-11...Rd8 12.h4 e6 #3 Djakovica 128/99 2016*)* 13...Bb7 14.b3 c5 15.Be4 Be7 16.Bg5 Bxg5 17.Nxg5 hxg5 18.Qxh8+ Ke7 19.Qxg7 Bxe4 20.Qxg5+ Nf6 21.f3 Bxc2 22.dxc5 Rg8 23.Qd2 Qxc5+ 24.Rf2 Bf5 ½-½ David,A (2548)-Schlosser,P (2534) FRA-chT Poule Basse 2003 (11.2)]

12...Bb7= 13.Bb2 c5 14.Qe2 The position is equal.

[14.Qg4 looks sharper. cxd4 15.Nxd4 Bxh2+ 16.Kh1]

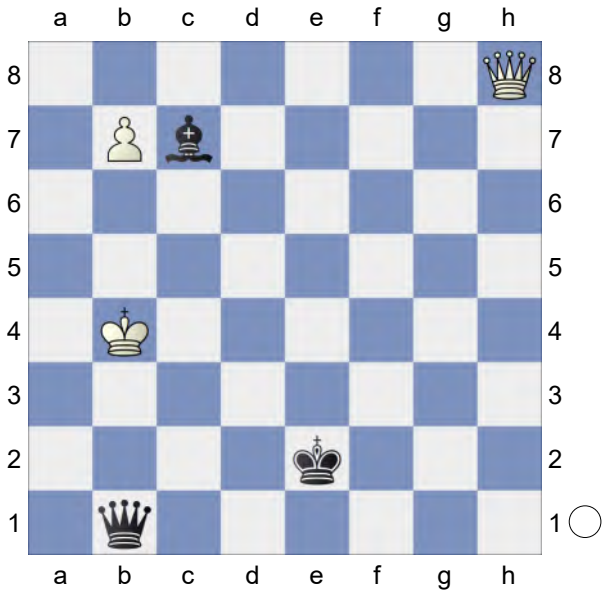
14...0-0 15.h3 a6 16.c4 cxd4
[16...Bxf3 is interesting. 17.Qxf3 cxd4 18.Bxd4 Bh2+]
17.Nxd4 Nf6 18.Rad1 Rfe8 19.Bb1 Bc5 20.Nf3 Qg3 21.Qe5 Repels Nh5
21...Qxe5 22.Nxe5 Rad8 23.Nd3 Be7 24.f3 b5 25.Ne5 Bc5+ 26.Kh2 Bd6 27.Kg1 Nh5 Hoping for ...Ng3. **28.Nd3 bxc4 29.bxc4 Rc8 30.Be5 Be7 31.Rc1 Bg5 32.Rc3 Be3+ 33.Nf2 Bc5 34.g4** aiming for Rb3! **34...Nf6! 35.Bxf6 gxf6 36.Kg2 a5 37.Ne4 Be7** -0.28/26
[37...Bd4∓ -0.70/24 38.Ra3 Bxe4 *(38...Rxc4? 39.Nd6+-)* 39.Bxe4 Rxc4 40.Rxa5 Kg7]
38.Rfc1 Red8 39.Rd3 -0.73/22
[39.c5∓ -0.33/19]
39...Rxd3 -0.18/22
[39...Bd5∓ -0.73/22 40.Nd2 Kg7]
40.Bxd3 Rd8 41.Nf2 Ba6 42.Rc2 Kg7 43.Kf1 Bc5 44.Ne4 Bd4
[44...Rxd3 45.Nxc5 Bxc4 *(45...Rxf3+? 46.Kg2+-)* 46.Rxc4+-]
45.Ke2 Kf8 46.Rd2 -0.54/27
[46.Nd2= -0.10/22 is superior.]
46...Bb7 -0.06/28
[46...f5∓ -0.54/27 47.gxf5 exf5]
47.Bc2 Ke7 48.Ba4 f5 49.gxf5 exf5 50.Ng3 Bc8 A strong pair of Bishops.
51.Nh5 Be5 52.Rxd8 Kxd8 Endgame. KBB-KBN **53.f4 Bb2 54.Bc2 Kc7 55.Ng3 Bc1 56.Nxf5 Be6 57.Kf3 Bxc4 58.Bb3 Bxb3 59.axb3** KB-KN **59...h5 60.Ng3 Kc6 61.Nxh5 Kc5**
[61...Kb5!? 62.Ke2□ Ba3=]
62.Ke2 Kd4 ...Kc3 is the strong threat.
[62...Kb4!? 63.Kd1□ Be3=]
63.Kd1 Ba3 Threatens to win with ... Kc3. **64.Kc2 Bd6 65.h4 Ke4 66.Nf6+ Kxf4 67.Kd3 Ba3 68.Kc4 Ke5 69.Nd5 f5 70.h5 Bf8 71.Ne3 Ke4 72.Nf1 f4 73.Kb5 Kd3** ...f3 would now be deadly.
74.Kxa5 f3 75.b4 f2
[75...Bh6!? 76.b5□ Bf4=]
76.b5 Ke2
[76...Bh6!? 77.b6□ Ke2=]
77.b6 Kxf1 KB-KPP **78.b7 Bd6**
[78...Kg2!? 79.b8Q□ f1Q= *(79...f1B 80.Qa8+ Kg1 81.Qxf8 Bd3 82.Qd6 Bh7 83.Qc7 Bg8 84.Qg3+ Kf1 85.Qxg8)*]
79.h6! Bc7+
[79...Kg1!? 80.h7□ f1Q= *(80...f1B 81.h8Q Bc7+ 82.Kb4 Bg3 83.b8Q Bxb8 84.Qxb8 Kf2 85.Qf4+ Ke2 86.Kc4)*]
80.Kb4 Ke2
[80...Kg2!? 81.h7□ f1Q= *(81...f1R? 82.h8Q+-)*]
81.h7 f1Q (-> ...Qf4+)
[81...f1R 82.h8Q *(82.h8B?* perishes. *Rb1+ 83.Kc5 Rxb7-+)* 82...Bg3 83.Qb2+ *(83.b8B Bxb8 84.Qb2+ Kf3±)* 83...Kf3 84.Qc3+ Kg4 85.Qxg3+ Kxg3 86.b8Q++- *(86.b8R Rb1+* Skewer *87.Kc5 Rxb8 88.Kd4 Kf4 89.Kd5 Rd8+ 90.Kc6 Ke5 91.Kc5 Rc8+ 92.Kb5 Kd4 93.Kb6 Kd5 94.Kb5 Rb8+ 95.Ka5 Kd4 96.Ka4 Kc5 97.Ka3 Kc4 98.Ka2 Kc3 99.Ka1 Kc2 100.Ka2 Ra8#)*]
82.h8Q Qb1+

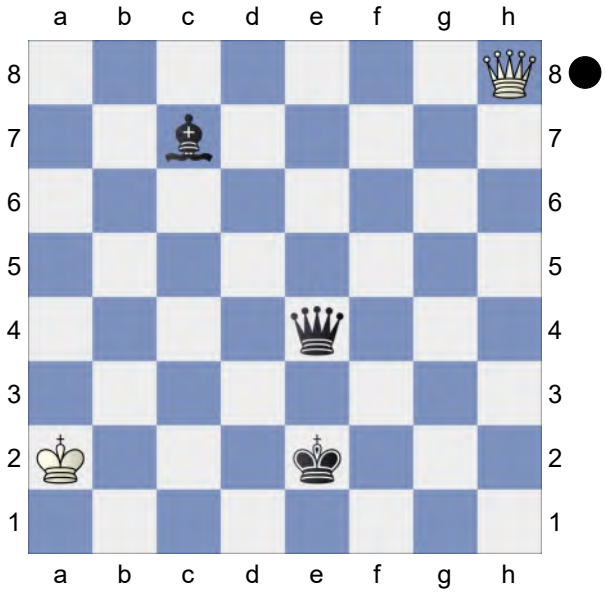
(Diagram)

Skewer **83.Kc5 Qb6+ 84.Kc4 Qc6+ 85.Kb3 Qxb7+ 86.Ka2?** -#20/22
[86.Kc2= 0.00/26]
86...Qd5+ 87.Kb1 Qe4+ 88.Ka2

(Diagram)

Be5! 89.Qh6 Qa4+
Weighted Error Value: White=0.08





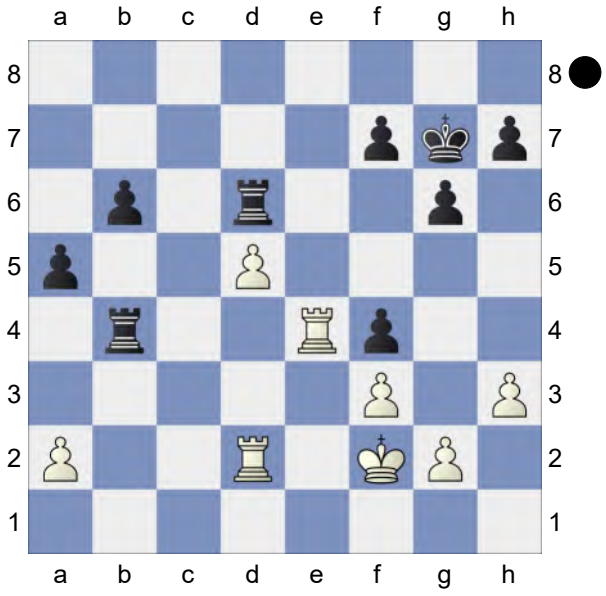
(flawless) /Black=0.07 (flawless)
0-1

B13

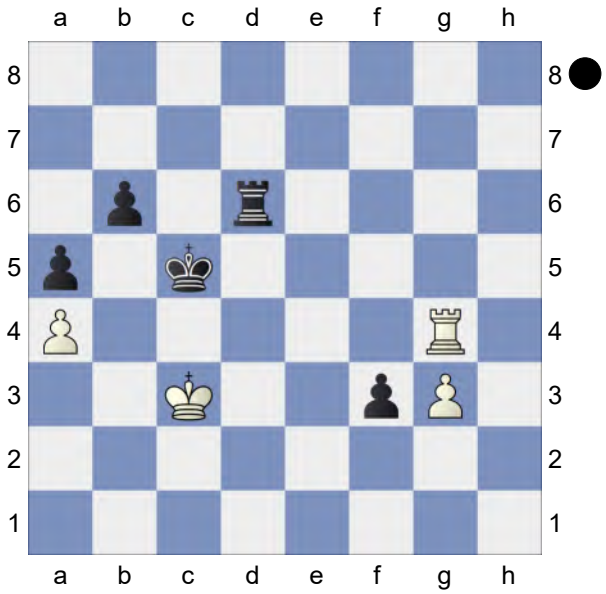
□ **Koneru,H.** **2593**
■ **Muzychuk,A.** **2606**
FIDE WGP Ankara 2012 (9) 26.09.2012
[Kitty Kat]

B13: Caro-Kann: Exchange Variation and Panov-Botvinnik Attack
1.Nf3 c5 2.c4 Nc6 3.Nc3 g6
[3...e5 4.e3 f5 5.d4 e4 6.d5 Nce7 7.d6 Nc6 8.Nb5 Qf6 9.Nc7+ Kd8 10.Nxa8 exf3 11.Nc7 3) Asymmetric Symmetry-1...c5 with 2...Nc6 and 3... e Lifetime Repertoires: Modern Reti - Par 2024]
4.e3N
[4.g3 Bg7 5.Bg2 e6 6.d4 cxd4 7.Nb5 d5 8.cxd5 exd5 9.0-0 Nge7 10.Bf4 0-0 11.Qd2 Bg4 12.Nbxd4 Qb6 13.Be3 Qa6 14.b3 Nf5 15.Nxf5 Bxf5 16.Nd4 Bg4 17.Rfe1 Nxd4 18.Bxd4 Bxd4 ½-½ (62) Gupta,A (2619)-Areshchenko,A (2661) Abu Dhabi op 23rd 2015 (7) 19.Qxd4 Bxe2 20.Bxd5 Rad8 21.Qe4 Rfe8 22.Bxb7 Qa5 23.Qf4 g5 24.Qc1 h6 25.Bg2 Re5 26.a3 Rc5 27.Qb1 Bd3 28.Qb2 Qc3 29.Qxc3 Rxc3 30.b4 Bf5 31.Bf1 Rd2 32.Re2 Rxe2 33.Bxe2 Bd3 ½-½ (62) Hebel,E (2619)-Egan,M (2661) URS-ch47 Minsk 1979 (7)]
4...Nf6 5.d4 cxd4 6.exd4 d5 7.Bg5 Be6 8.Bxf6 exf6 9.Be2 Bb4 10.0-0 -0.43/21
[10.c5= -0.04/24]
10...Bxc3 -0.04/22
[10...0-0∓ -0.43/21 might be stronger.]
11.bxc3= The position is equal.
11...dxc4 12.Rb1 -0.70/23
[12.Nd2!= -0.09/22]
12...b6 -0.16/24
[12...Rb8∓ -0.70/23]
13.Qa4 Qd7 14.Bxc4 Bxc4
[Don't blunder 14...Nxd4? 15.Qxd7+ Kxd7 16.Rfd1+-]
15.Qxc4 0-0 16.Rfe1 Rac8 17.h3 Rfd8 18.Qd3 Qd6 0.06/22
[Black should play 18...Na5∓ -0.46/24]
19.Qa6 -0.52/22
[19.c4= 0.06/22]

19...Rc7∓ 20.Nd2 Kg7 21.Nc4 Qd5 -0.19/24
[21...Qd7∓ -0.58/22 deserves consideration. 22.Na3 Qc8 23.Qxc8 Rdxc8]
22.Ne3= Qa5 23.Qc4 Rcc8 aiming for ...Nxd4! **24.Qb3 Qg5 25.Nc4 Qd5 26.Ne3 Qd7 27.Rbd1 Na5 28.Qb4 f5 29.d5 Qd6! 30.Qd4+ Qf6 31.c4** -0.86/24
[31.Qf4!= 0.00/20 keeps the balance.]
31...f4!∓ 32.Qxf6+ Kxf6 33.Ng4+ Kg7 34.Ne5 Nxc4 35.Nxc4 -1.30/24
[⌓35.Nc6 -0.73/22 Rd7 36.Re7 Rxe7 37.Nxe7]
35...Rxc4∓ Endgame. KRR-KRR **36.Re7 Ra4** -0.13/27
[Black should try 36...a5!∓ -1.23/22 ...Rc5 would now be deadly. 37.d6 Rc6]
37.Rd2 -1.00/22
[37.d6= -0.13/27]
37...Rd6∓ 38.f3 a5 39.Kf2 -1.73/25
[39.h4∓ -1.02/24]
39...Rb4 40.Re4? -3.63/25
[40.Rb7∓ -1.51/24]



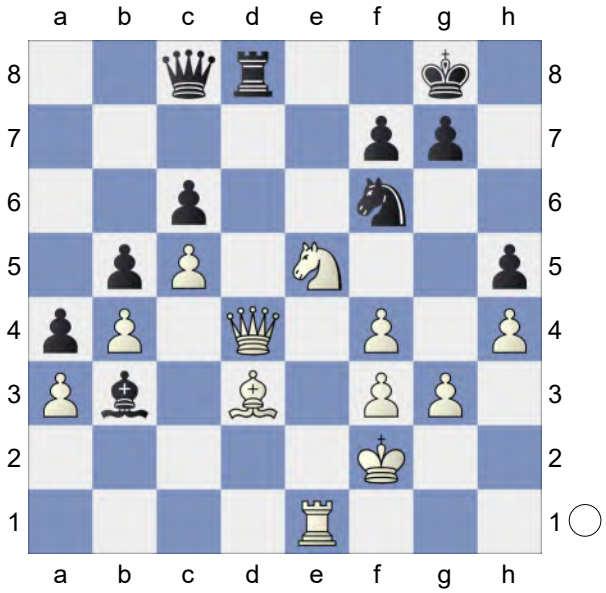
Loses the game. **40...Rxe4!-+ 41.fxe4** Hoping for e5. KR-KR **41...Kf6 42.Kf3 Ke5 43.Rb2** -4.77/25
[⌓43.h4 -3.26/22]
43...h5 Black is clearly winning. **44.a4 g5 45.Rb1 Rg6 46.Rd1 g4+ 47.hxg4 hxg4+ 48.Ke2 Rd6**
[48...Kxe4 49.d6 Rg8 50.Rb1∓]
49.Kd3 f5 50.Re1 fxe4+ 51.Rxe4+ Kxd5 52.g3 Kc5+ 53.Kc3 f3
[Stronger than 53...fxg3 54.Rc4+ Kd5 55.Rxg4=]
54.Rxg4



Rf6! 55.Rc4+ Kd5 56.Rd4+ Ke5 White must now prevent ...f2. **57.Rd1 f2 58.Rf1 Ke4**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.44/ Black=0.11 (very precise)
0-1

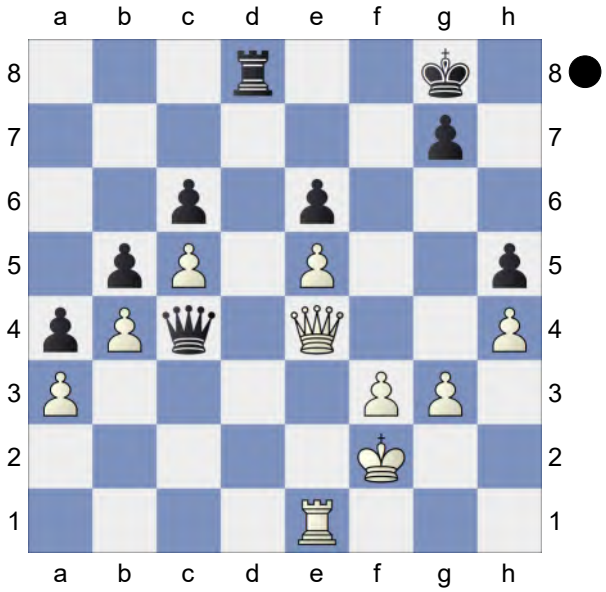
D43
□ **Zhao Xue** 2549
■ **Muzychuk,A.** 2606
FIDE WGP Ankara 2012 (7) 23.09.2012
[Kitty Kat]

D43: Semi-Slav: 5 Bg5 h6
1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.Qb3 e6 5.Nc3N
[5.g3 Nbd7 *(5...Bd6 6.Bg2 0-0 7.0-0 b6 8.Nbd2 a5 9.Qc2 Ba6 10.Re1 Nbd7 11.b3 Rc8 12.e4 dxe4 13.Nxe4 Nxe4 14.Qxe4 Nf6 15.Qc2 b5 16.Ne5 c5 17.Nc6 Qb6 18.d5 exd5 19.cxd5 Bb7 20.Qd2* 1-0 (38) Safonov,V (2125)-QGA/15 (2413) Commonwealth-ch 2022*)* 6.Bg2 Bd6 7.Bf4 Bxf4 8.gxf4 0-0 9.Nbd2 c5 10.0-0 b6 11.Ne5 cxd4 12.cxd5 Nc5 13.Qb4 exd5 14.Qxd4 Ne6 15.Qe3 Bb7 16.Nb3 d4 17.Nxd4 Bxg2 18.Nxe6 fxe6 19.Kxg2 Nd5 (21) Alburt,L-Portisch,L (ol) 30/(503) 1980]
[5.Bg5 h6 *(5...a5 6.a3 Nbd7 7.Nbd2 a4 8.Qc2 Qa5 9.Bxf6 Nxf6 10.e3 Bd6 11.Bd3 dxc4 12.Bxc4 e5 13.0-0-0 0-0 14.Bxf7+ Rxf7 15.Nc4 Qc7 16.Nxd6 Qxd6 17.dxe5 Qe7 18.exf6 Qxf6 19.Rd4 Bf5 20.Qc5* Staunton Gambit 4.Bg5 6.fxe4 (2496)-5.00 b5 6. ♗b3 ♗c5 7.c3 d6 (2582) NED-chT Paks Bas 2002*)* 6.Bh4 g5 7.Bg3 Ne4 8.Nc3 Nxg3 9.hxg3 Bg7 10.e3 Nd7 11.Bd3 Rb8 12.cxd5 cxd5 13.g4 a6 14.Ne2 Nf6 15.Ne5 Nd7 16.Nf3 Nf6 17.Ne5 Nd7 18.f4 gxf4 19.exf4 Nxe5 ½-½ (25) Kramnik,V (2799)-Van Wely,L (2681) Wijk aan Zee 102/(299) 2008]
5...Nbd7 6.Bf4 a5 7.cxd5
[7.a3 seems wilder. a4 8.Nxa4 dxc4 9.Qxc4 b5 10.Qxc6 Rxa4 11.Bc7]
7...exd5 8.e3 Nh5 9.Bd3 Nxf4 10.exf4 Bd6 11.g3 0-0 12.0-0 Active counter play! **12...Re8 13.Rfe1 Rxe1+ 14.Rxe1 Nf6 15.Na4 b5** 0.45/22
[15...Rb8= -0.10/21]
16.Nc5± Bxc5 17.dxc5 Bd7 18.Qc3 Qf8 19.Ne5 Qc8 20.h4 Black is weak on the dark squares **20...Qc7 21.Kg2 a4 22.Bc2 Re8 23.b4 Qc8 24.f3 h5 25.a3 Be6** 0.39/27
[25...Bf5= 0.00/22]
26.Kf2 d4 Deflection **27.Qxd4 Bb3 28.Bd3 Rd8** 1.44/21
[28...Qh3± 0.54/24]



29.Qe3 0.46/21
[But not 29.Nxc6? Rxd4 30.Ne7+ Kf8 31.Nxc8 Rxd3-+]
[White should try 29.Bf5!± 1.44/21 Threatens to win with Nxc6! Qc7 30.Qb2]
29...Qh3! 30.Bf1
[30.Nxc6? too greedy. Qh2+ 31.Kf1 Rxd3-+]
30...Qe6 0.78/22
[Don't go for 30...Qh2+? 31.Bg2+-]
[30...Qc8!± 0.36/24]

31.Kg1± Qd5? 2.43/23
[31...Nd7± 0.69/21]
32.Qf2? 0.07/22
[32.Qd3+- 2.43/23]
32...Nd7= The position is equal. **33.Bh3 Nxe5 34.fxe5** And now e6 would win. **34...Qd3** ...Be6 is the strong threat. **35.Qe3 Be6 36.Bxe6 fxe6** Endgame. KQR-KQR
[36...Qxe3+ simplifies 37.Rxe3 fxe6 38.Kf2 Rd2+]
37.Kf2 Qc4 38.Qe4



Hoping for Qxc4. **38...Rd4 39.Qxc6** Strongly threatening Qe8+. **39...Rd2+ 40.Kg1 Qd4+ 41.Kh1 Qf2 42.Qe8+ Kh7 43.Qxh5+ Kg8 44.Qe8+ Kh7 45.Qh5+ Kg8**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.19 (very precise) /Black=0.19 (very precise)
½-½

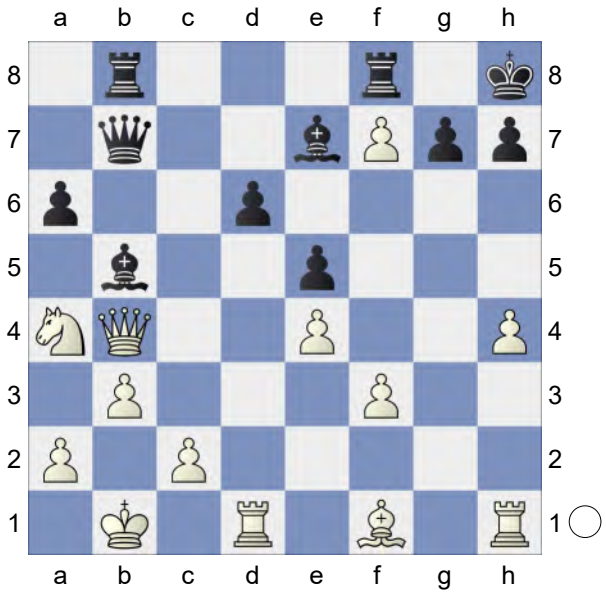
B80
□ **Muzychuk,A.** **2593**
■ **Kosintseva,T.** **2526**
FIDE WGP Dilijan 2013 (2.3) 17.06.2013
[Kitty Kat]

B80: Sicilian Scheveningen: 6 g3 and 6 Be3, including English Attack
B80: Défense sicilienne (variante Scheveninge)
1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 e6 6.Be3 Be7 7.f3 Nc6 8.Qd2 0-0 9.g4 a6 10.0-0-0 Nxd4 11.Bxd4 b5 12.g5 Nd7 13.h4 White is more active. **13...Qc7 14.Kb1 b4 15.Na4 Bb7** White is slightly better. **16.g6N** -0.67/19
[Better is 16.Qxb4± 0.60/19 Bc6 17.Nc3 Rfb8 18.Qc4 Qb7 19.b3 Bb5 20.Nxb5 axb5 21.Qc3 Ra3 22.Rh2 Rba8 23.Qb2 Ne5 24.Bxe5 dxe5 25.c4 bxc4 26.Bxc4 Rxa2 27.Qxa2 Rxa2 28.Rxa2 g6 29.Ra6 Kg7 30.Kc2 h6 31.Rda1 Bc5 32.h5 0-1 (51) Predojevic,B (2549)-Stevic,H (2514) Djakovo (open A) 2005 (7)]
[16.b3 d5 *(16...Bc6 17.Nb2 a5 18.h5 Ne5 19.Be2 a4 20.Nc4 Bb5 21.Nb6 Rab8 22.h6 Bxe2 23.Qxe2 g6 24.f4 Nc6 25.Nxa4 Nxd4 26.Rxd4 e5 27.Rc4* Sicilian Scheveningen-12.h4 b5 13.g5 ♕c7 Survey 2017*)* 17.g6 Ne5 18.gxh7+ Kh8 19.Qg2 dxe4 20.Rg1 Ng6 21.fxe4 Rad8 22.Bc4 Rxd4 23.Rxd4 Bf6 24.Rgd1 Bxd4 25.Rxd4 Nxh4 26.Qd2 Qg3 27.Nc5 Nf3 28.Qe3 Qe5 29.Rd7 Bc6 30.Qxf3 ö -ö 6. ♗g5 e6 7.f4 ♘bd7 8. (2408)-5. ♗ f4 0-0 6.e3 (2374) 146/108 Stavanger 2020]
16...e5 0.56/24

[16...hxg6 17.h5±]
[Black should try 16...fxg6∓ -0.67/19 17.Qxb4 Rxf3]
17.Be3±
[17.gxh7+ Kxh7 18.Be3 a5±]
17...Bc6 1.27/21
[17...fxg6± 0.60/24 18.Bg5 Bxg5 19.hxg5 Rxf3 20.Qxb4 Rc8]
18.gxf7+!±
[18.Qxb4?! hxg6 19.Nc3 Rfb8=]
18...Kh8 19.Bg5
[19.Qxb4 Rxf7 20.Qc4 Rxf3±]
19...Nf6
[19...Bxg5? 20.hxg5 g6 *(20...Bxa4? 21.g6+-)* 21.Bc4+- *(21.Qxd6 Qxd6 22.Rxd6 Bxa4+-; 21.Qxb4 Rxf7 22.Be2 Bxa4+-)*]
20.Bxf6 Bxf6 21.Qxb4 Rab8 22.Qc4
[22.Qxd6? Rbd8-+ *(22...Qxf7? 23.Qxc6 Rfc8 24.Rd7+-; 22...Qxd6 23.Rxd6 Bxa4 24.Rxa6±; 22...Qxf7? 23.Qxc6 Rfc8 24.Rd7+-; 22...Qxd6 23.Rxd6 Bxa4 24.Rxa6±)*]
22...Qb7 23.b3
[23.Rxd6 Bxa4 24.Qc3 Qxf7 *(24...Rxf7? 25.b3-+)* 25.Bxa6 Be7-+]
23...Bb5 24.Qb4 aiming for Bxb5.
24...Be7

(Diagram)

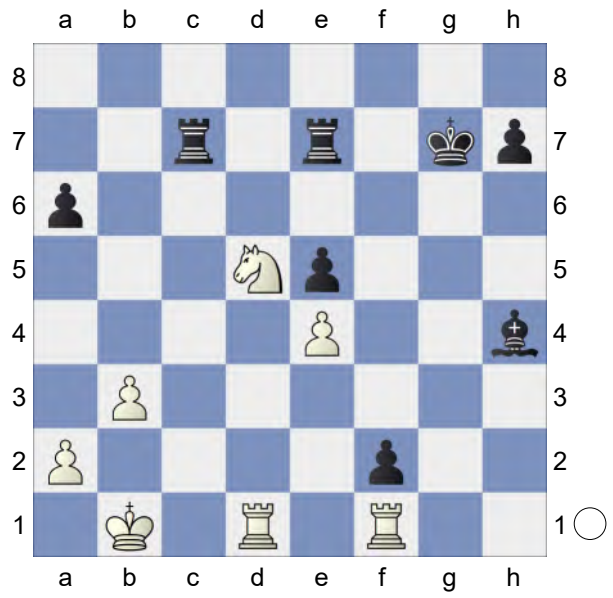
25.Rd5 0.01/22
[25.Nb2!± 1.10/22]
25...Bxf1!= 26.Qxb7 Rxb7 27.Rxf1 h5 is the strong threat. **27...Bxh4**
28.Rxd6 Rbxf7 29.c4 Hoping for c5!
[29.Rxa6 g5 30.Rg1 Rxf3∓]
29...g5! 30.c5
[30.Rxa6? g4 31.Rh6 *(31.Rh1? gxf3 32.Rd6 f2-+)* 31...Rxf3-+]
[30.Rg1 simplifies Rxf3 31.c5 Rf1+ 32.Rxf1 Rxf1+ 33.Kc2]



30...g4! 31.c6!
[31.Rxa6? too greedy. Rxf3 32.Rc1 g3-+]
[Of course not 31.Rh1 gxf3 32.Rxh4 f2∓]
31...gxf3
[31...Rxf3 simplifies 32.Rg1 Rf1+ 33.Rxf1 Rxf1+ 34.Kc2 Rf7]
32.Nb6 Strongly threatening Nd5.
32...f2! 33.Nd7 Rg8 34.Rdd1↑ White fights for an advantage. **34...Re7 35.c7 Rc8 36.Nb6!** Threatens to win with Rd8+. **36...Rcxc7** ...Rg7 would now be deadly. **37.Nd5** And now Rh1! would win. **37...Kg7?** 3.23/26

(Diagram)

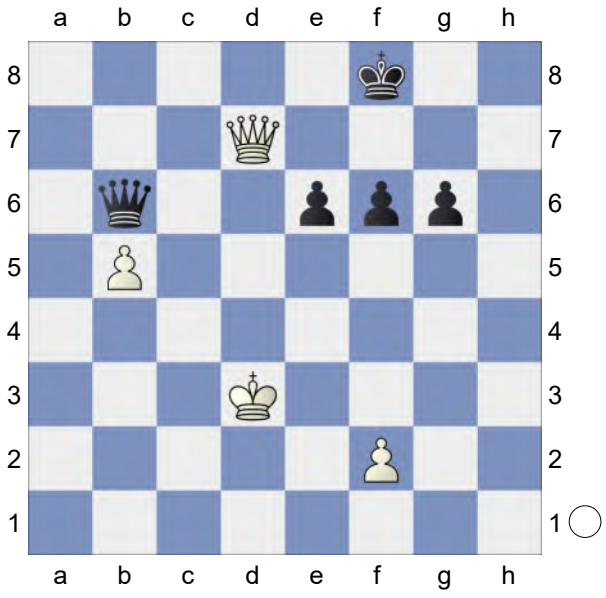
38.Rh1!+- Bg5 39.Rdf1! Red7 40.Nxc7
[Weaker is 40.Rxf2 Rc6±]
40...Rxc7 41.Rxf2 Bf4 42.Rg2+ Kf6 43.Rc2 Ra7 44.Rc6+ Kg7 45.Rd1
Weighted Error Value: White=0.12 (very precise) /Black=0.26 (precise)
1-0



B22

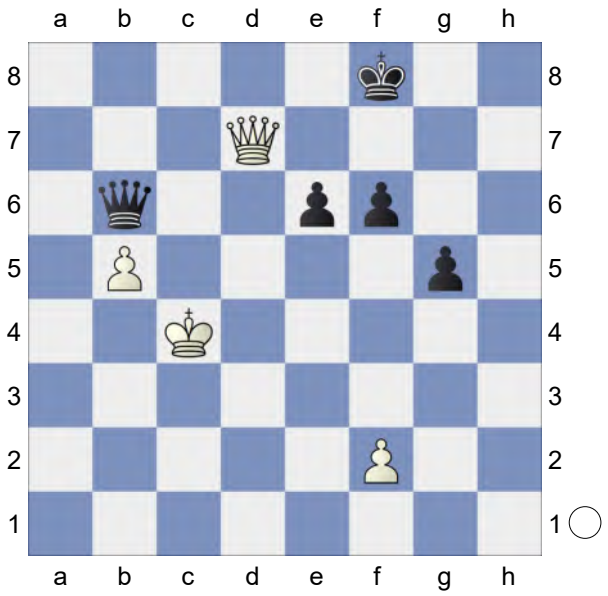
□ **Muzychuk,A.** **2510**
■ **Assaubayeva,Bibisara** **2469**
FIDE Grand Swiss Women (6.1) 30.10.23
[Kitty Kat]

B06: Modern Defence
1.e4 c5 2.c3 d5 3.exd5 Qxd5 4.Nf3 g6 5.d4 Bg7 6.Nbd2 cxd4 7.Bc4 Qd8 8.Nxd4 White is slightly better. **8...Nf6! 9.0-0 0-0 10.N2f3 Qc7** Against Ne5 **11.Qe2 Bg4**
[11...Nc6 12.Re1 Bg4 13.Nb5 Qc8 14.h3 Bxf3 15.Qxf3 a6 16.Na3 Nd7 17.Bb3 Nde5 18.Qg3 Rd8 19.Bg5 Rd3 20.Re3 Rxe3 21.Qxe3 Qf5 22.Rd1 Rd8 23.Rxd8+ Nxd8 24.Bxe7 Ndc6 25.Bg5 b5 26.Bf4 1-0 (54) Kosteniuk,A (2510)-Swiercz,D (2652) Titled Tuesday intern op 14th Jun Late blitz 2022 (6)]
12.h3 Bxf3 13.Nxf3 Nc6N 14.Be3 Na5 15.Bb3 Nxb3 16.axb3 a6 17.Bd4 Nd5 18.Rfd1 Bxg7 is the strong threat. **18...Rfd8 19.Bxg7 Kxg7 20.b4 Kg8 21.g3 Nf6 22.Ne5 Rxd1+ 23.Rxd1 Rd8 24.Rxd8+ Qxd8=** Endgame. KQN-KQN **25.Qc4 e6 26.Qf4 Kg7 27.g4** And now g5 would win.
[27.c4 is more complex. Qd1+ 28.Kg2 Qb1 29.g4]
27...Qe7 28.Qd4 Kg8 29.c4 Ne8
[29...Qxb4 30.Qd8+ Kg7 31.Qc7+-]
30.Qc5 Qd8 31.b5 axb5 32.Qxb5 Qd1+ 0.78/26
[32...f6= 0.15/28 remains equal.]
33.Kg2± White is more active. **33...Nd6 34.Qc5** 0.19/23
[34.Qa5!± 0.72/25 Kg7 35.Qc7]
34...b6!= 35.Qe3
[35.Qxb6 with more complications. Nxc4 36.Qb7 Nxe5 37.Qb8+]
35...Nxc4 Remove Defender, Decoy
36.Nxc4 Qd5+ 37.Kg1 Qxc4 38.Qxb6 KQ-KQ **38...Kg7 39.b4 h5 40.Qc5 Qd3 41.gxh5 Qxh3 42.Qd4+ f6! 43.h6+ Qxh6 44.Qd7+ Kf8! 45.b5 Qg5+ 46.Kf1 Qc1+ 47.Kg2 Qg5+ 48.Kf3 Qf5+ 49.Ke3 Qc5+ 50.Kd3 Qb6?** 4.16/31
[50...g5= 0.00/30 and Black is okay.]



51.Kc4!+- g5
[51...Qxf2 52.Qd8+ Kg7 53.b6 Qf1+

54.Kc5 Qc1+ 55.Kd6]



White is clearly winning. **52.Qd4 Qa5 53.Qxf6+ Kg8 54.Qg6+**
[54.Qxe6+ Kg7 55.Qd7+ Kg8+-]
54...Kf8 55.Qf6+
[Less strong is 55.Qxg5 Qa4+ 56.Kc3 *(56.Kc5 Qa7+ 57.Kc4 Qa4+ 58.Kc3 Qa1+ 59.Kd2 Qd4+ 60.Ke2 Ke8=)* 56...Qa1+ 57.Kd2 Qd4+ 58.Ke2 Ke8=]
55...Kg8 56.Qxe6+ Kg7 Hoping for ... Qa2+. **57.Qf5 Kh6** 7.05/23
[⌓57...Qa4+ 4.86/20 58.Kc5 Qa7+ 59.Kd5 Qa8+ 60.Ke5 Qd8]
58.Qf6+ Kh5 59.b6 Qa4+ 60.Kc5 Qf7+ would now be deadly. **60...Qc2+ 61.Kd6 Qd3+ 62.Ke7** aiming for Qf7+. **62...Qe4+ 63.Kf8 Kh4**

(Diagram)

64.f4! Promotion.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.15 (very precise) /Black=0.21 (precise)
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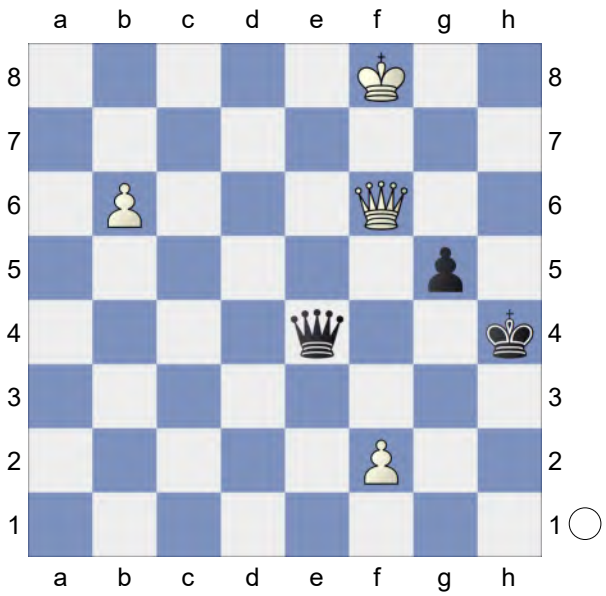


D43
□ **Cramling,P.** **2446**
■ **Muzychuk,A.** **2510**
FIDE Grand Swiss Women (11.2) 5.11.23
[Kitty Kat]

D43: Semi-Slav: 5 Bg5 h6
1.Nf3 d5 2.d4 Nf6 3.c4 c6 4.Nc3 e6 5.Qd3 dxc4 6.Qxc4 b5 7.Qd3 a6 8.e4 c5 9.dxc5 Qxd3
[9...Bxc5 10.Qxd8+ Kxd8 11.Bd3 Bb7 12.e5 Ng4 13.Ne4 Bb4+ 14.Ke2 Nd7 15.Bf4 Nc5 16.Nxc5 Bxc5 17.Rhc1 Bb6 18.Ng5 Ke7 19.Be4 Bxe4 20.Nxe4 Rhc8 21.f3 Nh6 22.g4 Ng8 23.Nd6 Rxc1 24.Rxc1 1-0 (56) Tan,Z (2502)-Muzychuk,A (2558) World-ch (Women) k.o. 2017 (6.2)]
10.Bxd3 And now e5 would win.
10...Bxc5 11.e5 Nfd7
[11...Nd5 12.Nxd5 exd5 13.Bf4 Bg4 14.Nh4 Nd7 15.h3 Bb4+ 16.Kf1 Be6 17.Nf5 Bxf5 18.Bxf5 g6 19.Bg4 Rc8 20.Rd1 h5 21.Bf3 Nb6 22.a3 Be7 23.Ke2 Rc2+ 24.Rd2 Rxd2+

25.Bxd2 Kd7 26.Be3 1-0 (47) Bolz,B (2541)-Bogoljubow,E (2284) 96/(138) Moscow 2006 (6)]

12.Bf4N

[12.Be4!? Ra7□ 13.Bd2= *(13.Bf4 Bb4 14.Rc1 Rc7 15.Bd2 Bxc3 16.Rxc3 Rxc3 17.Bxc3 Nc5 18.Nd2 Nxe4 19.Nxe4 Nc6 20.b3* Chess Informant Eco-N,N Chess Informant ECO D3 1998 *)*]

[12.Ne4 Nc6 13.Bf4 Nb4 D 43/05 2003]

12...Bb7 13.Be4 Nc6 14.Rc1

[14.0-0 looks sharper. h6 15.Rfd1 Ke7 16.h4]

14...h6 15.h4 Rc8 16.Ke2 Ke7

[16...f5 simplifies 17.exf6 0-0 18.Rhe1 Nxf6 19.Kf1 Nxe4 20.Nxe4 Bb4]

17.Rhd1 Rhd8 18.a3

[18.g4 simplifies Ke8 19.g5 hxg5 20.hxg5 g6 21.Rh1]

18...Ba7 19.b4 Bb8

[19...f5 simplifies 20.exf6+ Nxf6 21.Rxd8 Kxd8 22.Kf1 Ke7]

20.h5 Nb6 21.Rxd8 Nxd8 22.Bxb7 Nxb7 23.a4 -1.29/24 **Rc4 24.Be3** -1.45/23

[⌓24.axb5 -1.09/23 Rxf4 25.bxa6]

24...Nxa4∓ 25.Nxa4 Rxc1 26.Bxc1 bxa4 Endgame. KBN-KBN **27.Kd3**

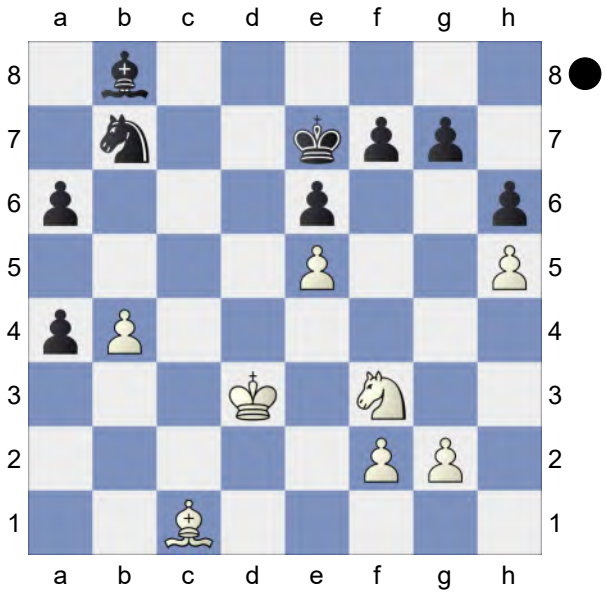
(Diagram)

Nd8 -0.30/26

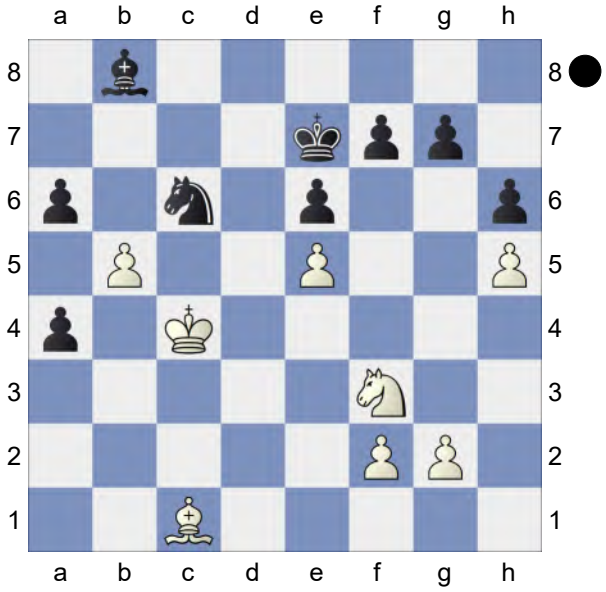
[Better is 27...Kd7!∓ -1.47/24 Threatens to win with ...Ba7. 28.Kc4 Ba7]

28.Kc4= Nc6 29.b5? -2.21/28

[29.Ba3!= -0.26/26 and White stays safe. Kd7 *(29...Bxe5?* perishes. *30.b5+* Discovered Attack (Check) *Bd6 31.Bxd6+ Kxd6 32.bxc6+-;*



29...Nxe5+ 30.Nxe5 Bxe5 31.b5+ Discovered Attack (Check) *Kd8 32.bxa6±)* 30.b5 axb5+ *(30...Nxe5+ 31.Nxe5+ Bxe5 32.bxa6±)* 31.Kxb5]



29...axb5+!-+

[29...Nxe5+ 30.Nxe5 axb5+ 31.Kd4±]

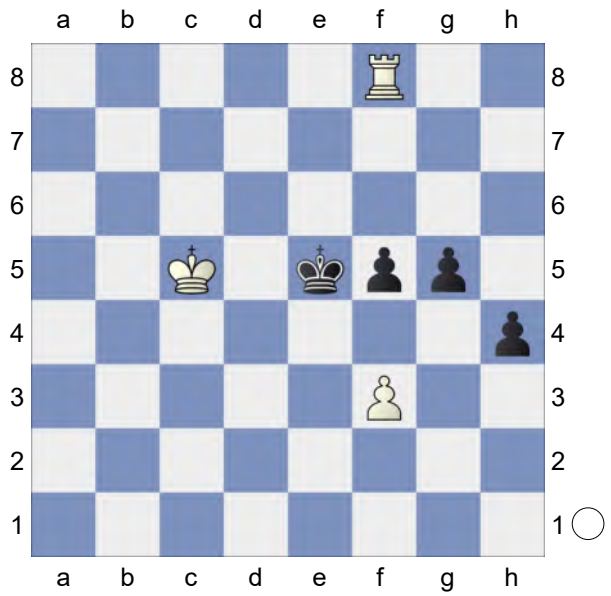
30.Kxb5 Nxe5 31.Nxe5 Bxe5 32.Kxa4 KB-KB **32...f5** aiming for ...f4. **33.Kb5** The position is equal. **33...Kf6** ...f4 is the strong threat. **34.Kc4 f4** ...Kg5 would now be deadly. **35.Kd3**

Kg5 36.Ke4 Bb8
[36...Bd6!?]
37.Bb2 e5 38.Bxe5 Bxe5 39.Kxe5 Kg4 40.Ke4 Kg5 41.Ke5
Weighted Error Value: White=0.18 (very precise) /Black=0.09 (flawless)
½-½

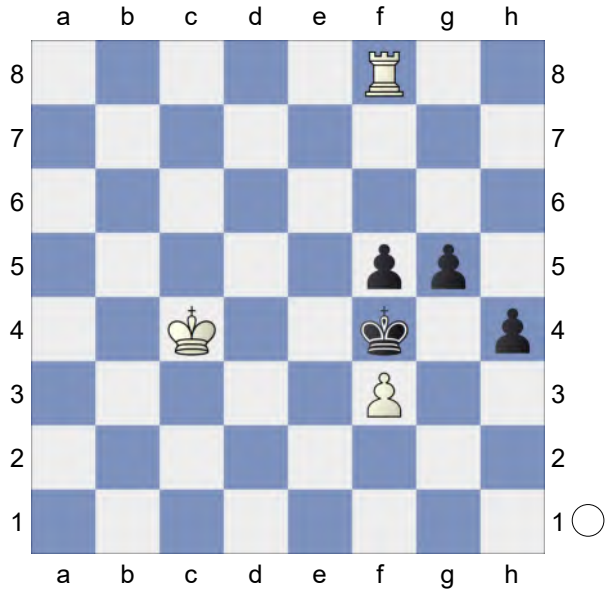
C47
□ **Muzychuk,A.** **2606**
■ **Kosintseva,T.** **2524**
FIDE WGP Ankara 2012 (3) 18.09.2012
[Kitty Kat]

C47: Scotch Four Knights and Four Knights with 4 g3
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.d4 exd4 5.Nxd4 Bb4 6.Nxc6 bxc6 7.Bd3 d5 8.exd5 cxd5 9.Qe2+ Be7 10.0-0 0-0 11.Bf4N
[11.Re1 Be6 *(11...Re8 12.Bg5 Bg4 13.Qe5 c6 14.Qg3 Bh5 15.Qh4 Bg6 16.Bxg6 fxg6 17.Qh3 Bf8 18.Re6 Qc8 19.Rae1 Rxe6 20.Qxe6+ Qxe6 21.Rxe6 Rc8 22.f3 h6 23.Bd2 Kf7 24.Re2 c5 25.Na4 Bd6 26.b3* 0-1 (38) Jones,S (2535)-Bolz,B (2605) m London 1851 (11.1)*)* 12.Nb5 Bc5 13.Be3 Bb6 14.Bxb6 axb6 15.Qe5 Rc8 16.Na7 Ra8 17.Nc6 Qd6 18.Qxd6 cxd6 19.a3 Rfe8 20.Rad1 Kf8 21.Nb4 g5 22.Re2 h6 ½-½ Pihlajasalo,A (2431)-Sepp,O (2457) Suomi 102/(228) 2007]
11...c5 12.Rad1 Bg4 13.f3
The position is equal. **13...Be6**
And now ...c4 would win. **14.Bc4 Re8 15.Bb5 Bd7 16.Nxd5 Nxd5 17.Rxd5 Bxb5** Discovered Attack **18.Rxd8 Bxe2**
A strong pair of Bishops. **19.Rxa8 Rxa8 20.Re1 Bf6** Hoping for ...Bd4+. **21.Rxe2**
Be5 would now be deadly. **21...Bxb2±**
Endgame. KRB-KRB **22.Re7 Bd4+** 0.83/29
[22...Bf6± 0.44/25 might be stronger. 23.Rc7 Bd8]
23.Kf1± h6 24.Ke2 White is much more active. **24...g5 25.Bg3 a6** 1.57/22
[Black should try 25...Rd8± 0.53/21]
26.Kd3 Rc8 2.22/22
[26...Kg7± 1.39/22 27.h3 Rd8]
27.Kc4!+- Rc6 28.c3 Bf6 3.43/21
[28...Bg7 2.17/20 keeps fighting. 29.Be5 Bxe5 30.Rxe5 f6]
29.Rd7 Black must now prevent Rd6.
29...Kg7 30.Rd6 Deflection **30...Rc8 31.Rxa6 Re8 32.a4?** 1.15/20
[32.Kxc5 Bxc3 33.Bd6 h5=]
[32.Rd6+- 3.12/24 has better winning chances.]
32...Re2? 3.81/22
[32...Re3± 1.15/20]
33.Rc6
[33.Kxc5 Bxc3 34.Kc4 Bf6±]
33...Rc2 34.Rxc5
[34.Kxc5 Rxc3+ 35.Kb6 Rb3+ 36.Ka7 Ra3±]
34...Rxc3+ 35.Kb4 Rd3? 5.35/21
[35...Re3 3.24/24 36.Bd6 Rd3]
36.Be5 Rd2 37.Bxf6+ Kxf6 KR-KR **38.a5 Rxg2 39.a6! Rb2+ 40.Ka5 Rxh2 41.Kb6?** 0.00/38
[41.a7+- 5.65/34 Rd2 42.Kb6 *(42.a8R?* loses. *Ra2+* Skewer *43.Kb6 Rxa8-+; 42.Rc6+ Ke5±)*]
41...Re2= 42.a7 Re8 43.Ra5 h5! 44.a8Q Rxa8 45.Rxa8 KR-K3P
45...Ke5 46.Kc5 h4 47.Rf8
[47.Ra4!? f5□ 48.Kc4=]
47...f5 14.84/35
[47...Kf4= 0.00/24]

(Diagram)



48.Kc4!+- Kf4



49.Kd3! Kxf3 50.Rxf5+ KR-KPP
50...Kg4 51.Rf8 Kg3 52.Ke2 g4 53.Kf1 Kh2 54.Rf4 10.15/27
[⌓54.Rf2+ #95/31 Kg3 55.Kg1 Kh3 56.Rg2 g3 57.Re2 Kg4 58.Re3 h3 59.Re4+ Kg5 60.Re1]
54...h3 55.Rxg4 Kh1 56.Kf2
Weighted Error Value: White=0.17 (very precise) /Black=0.48
1-0

D46
□ **Koneru,H.** **2597**
■ **Muzychuk,A.** **2593**
FIDE WGP Dilijan 2013 (6.2) 22.06.2013
[Kitty Kat]

D46: Semi-Slav: 5 e3 Nbd7 6 Bd3, Black avoids the Meran
Golod,V: 'Inf 99/298' Myers: This game was nominated by Roald Berthelsen in Chess Mail's 1998 best game ever competition. He wrote, "Based upon thousands of CC games I have in my CC library, the following is an exciting game and one of my favourites. It has almost everything you could wish, but if it does not qualify for the best CC game ever, I suggest that Prof. Becker should qualify for the Best Annotations ever for a CC game." The following notes by Prof. Albert Becker first appeared in a special number of the Magyar Sakkvilag, over two weeks, and were translated into German and published in CAISSA in 1949. This game was contested between the players who tied for 3rd place in the event. It was played from October 10, 1912, to August 28, 1913. /// Becker: In the year 1912 there began a notably strong international CC tournament, organised by Dr. Vecsey through the chess column of the Hungarian newspaper Alkotmany. There were 10 Hungarian players, 4 from Czechoslovakia, 3 Germans, 3 Romanians and one player each from Sweden, France, Austria, and Switzerland. After a great struggle the old fox Dr Nicolas Brody from Koloszvar (Romania) emerged in first place, without losing a game. The young foxes followed him: Kosta Rozic (Zagreb) and Dr Janos Balogh (Csikszereda) and

Ferenc Chalupetzky (Gyor). Game nominated by Roald Berthelsen in Chess Mail's 1998 best game ever competition:
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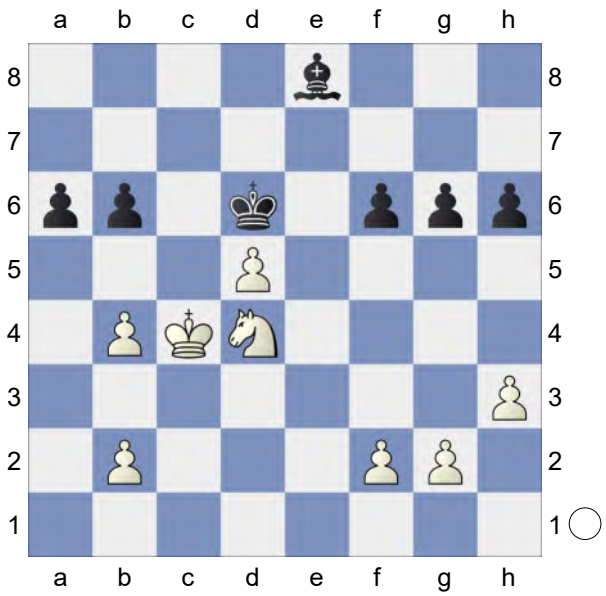
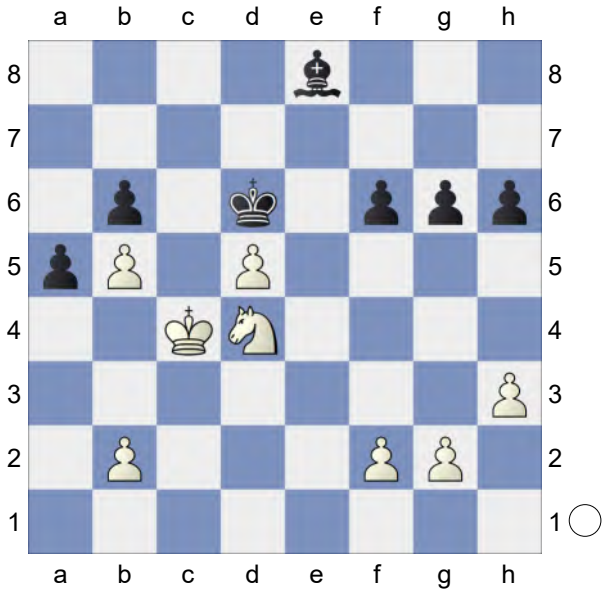
[4...a6 5.c5 Bf5 6.Nf3 Nbd7 7.Be2 Qc7 8.b4 e5 9.a4 Ne4 10.Bb2 Nxc3 11.Bxc3 e4 12.Nd2 Be7 13.b5 h5 14.b6 Qb8 15.Qb3 h4 16.h3 Be6 17.Qb2 f5 18.0-0-0 Nf6 19.f4 0-1 (37) Gaborit,J (1953)-Meredith,D (2339) 40: Monarch Assurance Open, Erin 2006 (2)]
5.Nf3 Nbd7N
[5...Ne4 6.Bd3 f5 7.Ne5 Qh4 8.0-0 Bd6 9.f3 Nxc3 10.bxc3 Nd7 11.g3 Qh3 12.f4 Nf6 13.cxd5 exd5 14.c4 Be6 15.Rb1 h5 16.Rf2 Bxe5 17.fxe5 h4 18.exf6 hxg3 19.Rg2 dxc4 20.fxg7 1-0 (54) Chamberlain,A-Grimmer,B Great Britain 1995 Rh7 21.Bf1 Rxg7 22.Rxg3 Rxg3+ 23.hxg3 Qxg3+ 24.Bg2 0-0-0 25.Qf1 Rg8 26.Rb2 b5 27.d5 c3 28.Re2 cxd5 29.Rf2 Bd7 30.Qd3 Qe5 31.Kf1 Rg3 32.Qxd5 Qxd5 33.Bxd5 a5 34.e4 b4 35.exf5 1-0 (54) Chalupetzky,F-Balogh,J Alkotmany corr 1912 Bb5+ 36.Re2 Rd3 37.Be6+ Bd7 38.Bg5 a4 39.f6 Bxe6 40.Rxe6 Rf3+ 41.Ke2 Rf5 42.Kd3 Kd7 43.Re7+ Kd6 44.Bh4 Rf3+ 45.Kc2 Kd5 46.Re2 Rf4 47.Rf2 Rxf2+ 48.Bxf2 Ke6 49.Bd4 a3 50.Kb3 1-0 (54) Chalupetzky,F-Balogh, J Alkotmany tournament 1912]
[5...a6 6.b3 Nbd7 7.Bb2 Bd6 8.Be2 0-0 9.0-0 b5 10.Qc2 Bb7 11.e4 Nxe4 12.Nxe4 dxe4 13.Qxe4 bxc4 14.bxc4 Nf6 15.Qe3 Qe7 16.Rab1 Ng4 17.Qb3 c5 18.dxc5 Bxc5 19.h3 Bxf3 20.Qxf3 ½-½ (55) Rodshtein,M (2530)-Golod,V (2597) 99/298 Dresden 2007]
6.Qc2 Bd6 7.Bd3 0-0 8.0-0 e5 9.cxd5 cxd5 10.e4 exd4 11.Nxd5 Nxd5 12.exd5 h6 13.h3 Qf6 14.Rd1 Ne5 15.Nxd4 The position is equal. **15...Nxd3 16.Qxd3 Qe5 17.Nf3** Repels Qh2+ **17...Qh5 18.Re1** Dodges Re8 **18...Bf5** Black has compensation. **19.Qe3** -0.65/23
[White should play 19.Qd1= 0.00/26]
19...Bd7 0.00/25 This pair of bishops is nice.
[19...Rae8∓ -0.65/23 20.Qxe8 Rxe8 21.Rxe8+ Kh7]
20.Qb3 Rfe8 21.Bd2 b6 22.Nd4 Re5 23.Rxe5 Qxe5 24.Nf3 Dodges Qh2+ **24...Qh5 25.Re1 Re8 26.Rxe8+ Bxe8 27.a3 Qf5 28.Bb4 Qb1+ 29.Ne1 Be5 30.Bc3 Qe4 31.Qd1 Bd6 32.Qf3 Qxf3 33.Nxf3=** Endgame. KBB-KBN **33...Kf8 34.Nd4 g6** Against Nf5 **35.Kf1 Ke7 36.Ke2 Bc5 37.Kd3 Kd6 38.Kc4 a6 39.Bb4 Bxb4 40.axb4** Hoping for b5. KB-KN **40...f6?** 3.08/29
[40...b5+= 0.00/22 and Black stays safe. 41.Kc3 Kxd5]

(Diagram)

White stays focused until the end. **41.b5!+- a5**

(Diagram)

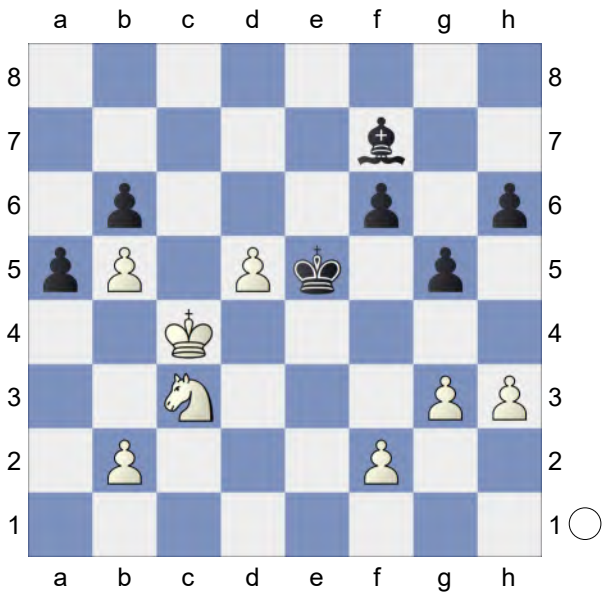




42.Ne2! Bf7 4.02/35
[⌓42...g5 2.83/27 43.Nc3 Bf7]
43.Nc3 Ke5? 5.89/26
[43...g5 2.44/21 44.g3 h5]
44.g3 White is clearly winning. **44...g5** 6.72/29
[⌓44...Kd6 4.47/25 45.Kd4 Be8]

(Diagram)

45.f4+! gxf4 46.gxf4+ Kxf4 47.Na4 f5 48.Nxb6 Ke4 49.Kc5 f4 50.d6 f3



51.d7 f2 52.d8Q Black must now prevent Qd4+.
[52.d8R? is the wrong capture. f1Q *(52...f1R? perishes. 53.Na4+-)* 53.Nc8 Qf2+ *(53...Qxh3? 54.Nd6+ Ke3 55.Nxf7-+)* 54.Kc6 Qc2+ *(54...Qxb2? 55.Nd6+ Ke3 56.Nxf7-+)* 55.Kb6 Bd5 *(55...Qxb2? 56.Nd6+ Kf3 57.Rf8-+)* 56.Nd6+ Kd4-+]
52...f1Q 53.Qd4+ Kf5 54.Nd7 Qc1+ 55.Kd6
Weighted Error Value: White=0.06 (flawless) /Black=0.32
1-0

D30

□ **Koneru,H.** **2546**
■ **Muzychuk,A.** **2520**
FIDE Women's Candidates (13.4)
[Kitty Kat]

D30: Queen's Gambit Declined: Systems without Nc3
Chapter 18 addresses White's alternatives on move 4, excluding e3 , which is covered in a subsequent

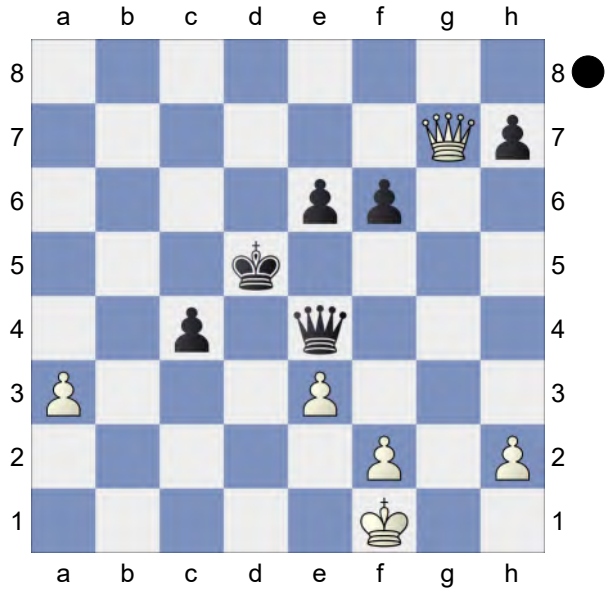
chapter. The most critical among these is Bg5 , a move attempted by several top players. **1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.Qc2 dxc4 5.Qxc4 a6 6.Bf4 Bd6 7.Bg3 b5 8.Qc2 Bb7 9.Nbd2 Nbd7 10.a3N**

[10.e4 Bb4 11.Bd3 c5 18) QGD - 4th Move Sidelines-4.Qc2 #4]

10...Qe7 11.e3 c5 12.Bxd6 Qxd6 13.dxc5 Nxc5 14.Rd1 Qb6 15.b4 Nce4 16.Nxe4 Bxe4 17.Bd3 Bxf3 18.gxf3 Ke7 19.0-0 Rac8 20.Qb2 Rhd8 21.Be4 Against Qc6 **21...Nxe4 22.fxe4 f6 23.Rxd8 Qxd8=** Endgame. KQR-KQR **24.Rc1 Rc4! 25.Rxc4! Qd1+** 0.00/32

[25...bxc4∓ -0.57/29 26.Qc2 Qc7]

26.Kg2 The position is equal. **26...bxc4** KQ-KQ **27.b5! Qg4+ 28.Kf1 Qd1+ 29.Kg2 axb5 30.Qxb5 Qg4+ 31.Kf1 Qd1+ 32.Kg2 Qg4+ 33.Kf1 Qxe4 34.Qc5+! Kf7 35.Qc7+ Kg6 36.Qg3+! Kf7 37.Qc7+ Kg6 38.Qg3+! Kf5 39.Qh3+ Ke5 40.Qg3+ Kd5 41.Qxg7**



Hoping for Qb7+. **41...Qb1+ 42.Ke2** Qd7+ is the strong threat. **42...Qd3+ 43.Ke1** Qd7+ would now be deadly. **43...Qxa3 44.Qb7+ Kd6 45.Qb6+ Kd7**

Weighted Error Value: White=0.05 (flawless) /Black=0.04 (flawless)

½-½

B28

□ **Muzychuk,A.** **2520**

■ **Tan,Zhongyi** **2521**

FIDE Women's Candidates (14.1)

[Kitty Kat]

B28: Sicilian: 2 Nf3 a6 (O'Kelly Variation)

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 a6 3.c4 Nc6

[3...e6 4.Nc3 Qc7 5.Be2 b6 6.d4 cxd4 7.Nxd4 Bb7 8.0-0 Nf6 9.f3 d6 10.Be3 Be7 11.Qd2 0-0 12.Rac1 Nbd7 13.Rfd1 Rac8 14.b4 Qb8 15.a3 Rfe8 16.Nb3 Bc6 17.Kh1 h6 18.Bf1 0-1 (65) Palejko,M (2664)-Sanjuan Garcia,M (2683) Biel MTO op 1995 (1)]

[3...b6 4.d4 cxd4 5.Nxd4 Bb7 6.Nc3 d6 7.Be3 Nf6 8.f3 e6 9.Be2 Be7 10.0-0 Nbd7 11.Qd2 Rc8 12.Rac1 Qc7 13.a3 Qb8 14.b4 0-0 15.Nb3 Bd8 16.Kh1 Bc7 17.Bg1 Kh8 18.Nd4 0-1 (38) Chitsazian,D (1900)-Pikalow,M (2147) GER-ch U18 Willingen 2023 (3)]

4.d4N

[4.Nc3 e6 5.Be2 Qc7 6.0-0 Nf6 7.h3 Nd4 8.d3 Be7 9.Be3 Nc6 10.Qd2 0-0 11.Nh2 d6 12.f4 Rb8 13.a4 Nd4 14.Bxd4 cxd4 15.Na2 d5 16.e5 Nd7 17.cxd5 exd5 18.Rac1 Qb6 1-0 (44) Patole,N (1778)-Boghossian,P (1948) Vaujany op-A 8th 2017 (4.24) 19.Ng4 Qb3 20.f5 f6 21.exf6 Nxf6 22.Qc2 Qxc2 23.Rxc2 Nxg4 24.hxg4 Bd6 25.Bf3 Bd7 26.Bxd5+ Kh8 27.b3 Rfe8 28.Nc1 Re5 29.Be4 b5 30.axb5 Bxb5 31.g5 g6 32.fxg6 hxg6 33.Rf6 Be7

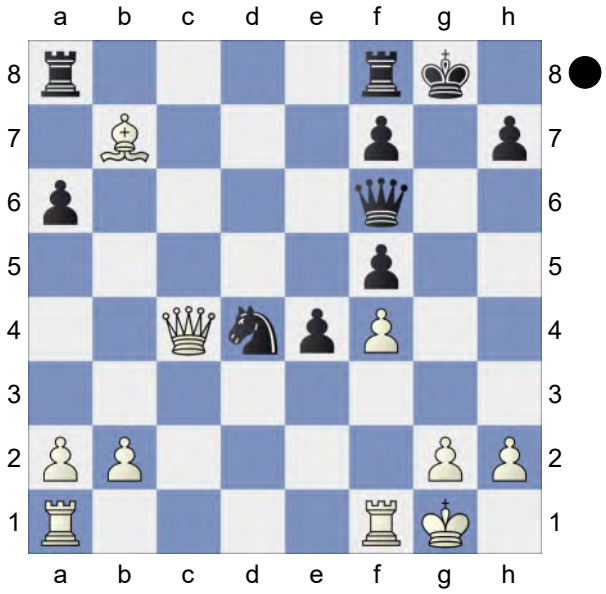
1-0 (44) Quiz Three (1778)-Chiburdanidze,M (1948) USSR 24/455 1977 (4.24)]

4...cxd4 5.Nxd4 e5 6.Nf5 d5 7.cxd5 Bxf5 8.exf5 Nd4 9.Nc3 Nf6 10.Bd3 And now 0-0 would win. **10...Be7 11.0-0 0-0 12.Bg5** White is slightly better. **12...Nxd5 13.Nxd5 Bxg5 14.Be4 g6 15.f4 Bf6 16.Qd3?** -1.31/21

[16.fxg6± 0.36/23 keeps the upper hand. hxg6 17.Rf2]

16...gxf5!∓ 17.Nxf6+ Qxf6 18.Bxb7 Black must now prevent fxe5. **18...e4 19.Qc4** -1.84/22

[19.Qg3+∓ -1.37/22 Kh8 20.Qf2]



19...Rad8!-+ 20.Rad1 -2.21/21

[⌓20.Kh1 -1.79/20]

20...e3 21.Rfe1 -2.64/22

[21.Bf3 -1.79/24 was called for.]

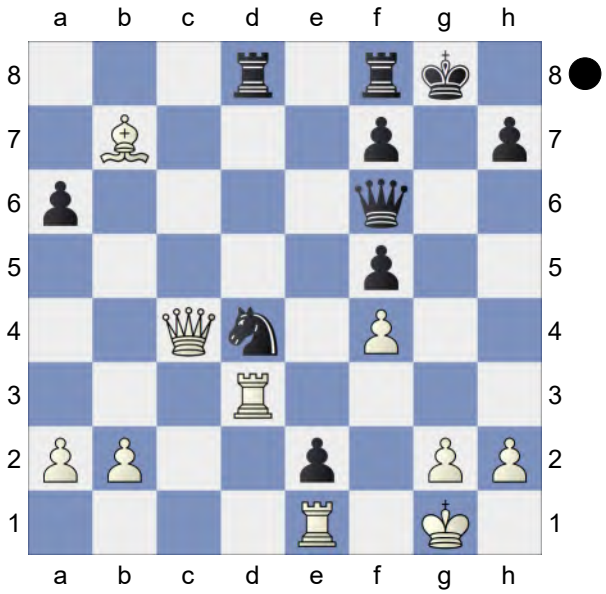
21...e2 22.Rd3

(Diagram)

Qb6! Strongly threatening ...Nf3+.

23.Kh1 Qxb7

[23...Qxb2 24.h3= *(24.Bxa6 Rfe8∓; 24.Bd5? Rxd5 25.Qxa6 Re8-+)*]



24.Rxd4 Qxb2 25.Rd3

[25.Rxd8 Rxd8 26.Qb3 Qxb3 27.axb3 Rd1 28.Kg1 Rxe1+ 29.Kf2 Rb1 *(29...Rf1+? 30.Kxe2 Rxf4 31.Kd2-+)* 30.Kxe2 Rxb3 31.h4 a5 32.Kd2 a4 33.Kc2 Rb7 34.Kd3 a3 35.g3 a2 36.Kc4 a1Q *(36...a1B? 37.h5-+)* 37.g4 Qa4+ *(37...fxg4 38.h5 Qa4+* Skewer *39.Kc5 Rb5+* Skewer *40.Kd6 Qa6+ 41.Kd7 Rb7+ 42.Ke8 Qa8#)* 38.Kc5 Rb5+ *(38...Qxf4 39.gxf5 Rc7+ 40.Kb6 Qe5 41.Ka6 Qc5 42.h5 Ra7#)* 39.Kd6 Qa6+ *(39...fxg4 40.Ke7 Qa7+ 41.Kf6 Qd7 42.h5 Rf5#)* 40.Kd7 Rb7+ 41.Ke8 Qa8#]

25...Rxd3 26.Qxd3 Endgame. KQR-KQR **26...Re8** Hoping for ...Qb4.

[26...Qxa2 27.Qxf5 Re8 28.Qg5+ Kf8 29.Qc5+ Re7 30.Qc8+ Kg7 31.Qg4+ Kf6 32.Qh4+ Ke6 33.f5+ Kd7 34.Qd4+ Kc8 35.Qh8+ Kb7 36.Qc3∓]

27.Qxf5 Qc3 -0.52/25

[27...Qxa2 28.Qg5+ Kf8 29.Qc5+ Re7 30.Qc8+ Kg7 31.Qg4+ Kf6 32.Qh4+ Ke6 33.f5+ Kd7 34.Qd4+ Kc8 35.h3=]

[27...h6-+ -1.92/25 ...Qd2! is the strong threat. 28.Qg4+ Kf8]

28.Qg5+!∓ Kh8 29.Qh4 Re4 30.h3! Qd2 0.00/46

[30...Re6!∓ -0.67/26]

31.Qf6+= The position is equal. **31...Kg8 32.Qg5+ Kf8**

[32...Kh8!? 33.Qf6+□ Kg8 34.Qg5+ Kf8 35.Qc5+ Ke8 *(35...Re7 36.Qc8+ Kg7 37.Qg4+ Kh8 38.Qc8+ Kg7 39.Qg4+ Kf8 40.Qc8+ Kg7=)* 36.Qc8+ Ke7 37.Qb7+ Kf6 38.Qxe4 Qxe1+ 39.Kh2 Qh4 40.Qd4+ *(40.Qxe2 Qxf4+ 41.g3 Qd6=)* 40...Ke7 41.Qe5+ Kd8 42.Qh8+ *(42.Qxe2 Qxf4+ 43.g3 Qd6=)* 42...Ke7 43.Qe5+ Kd7 44.Qd4+ *(44.Qxe2 Qxf4+ 45.Kg1 Qc1+ 46.Kh2 Qc7+ 47.g3 Qc6=)* 44...Ke8 45.Qh8+ Ke7 46.Qe5+=]

33.Qc5+! Kg7 34.Qg5+ Kf8 35.Qc5+! Kg7 36.Qg5+ Kf8 White happily takes the draw.

Weighted Error Value: White=0.21 (precise) /Black=0.16 (very precise)

[36...Kh8!? 37.Qf6+□ Kg8 38.Qg5+ Kf8=]

½-½

C70

□ **Muzychuk,A. 2520**
■ **Koneru,H. 2546**
FIDE Women's Candidates (7.3) 11.4.24
[Kitty Kat]

C70: Ruy Lopez: 3...a6 4 Ba4, Norwegian and Delayed Schliemann

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nge7 5.c3 Ng6 6.d4

[6.0-0 d6 7.d4 Bd7 8.Be3 Be7 9.Nbd2 0-0 10.Re1 b5 11.Bc2 exd4 12.cxd4 Nb4 13.Bb1 c5 14.d5 Bf6 15.Qc1 c4 16.a3 Nd3 17.Bxd3 cxd3 18.Qb1 Rc8 19.Qxd3 Bxb2 20.Rab1 Bf6 1-0 (80) Caruana,F (2781)-Demchenko,A (2654) Chess.com Rapid Wk4 Swiss 2022 (6)]

6...exd4 7.cxd4 Bb4+ 8.Bd2N White is slightly better.

[8.Nc3 0-0 *(8...d5 9.exd5 Bxc3+ 10.bxc3 Qxd5 11.Qe2+ Qe6 12.Ba3 Qxe2+ 13.Kxe2 Be6 14.Rhe1 0-0-0 15.Kf1 Na5 16.Nd2 Bd5 17.f3 b5 18.Bc2 Nc4 19.Nxc4 Bxc4+ 20.Kf2 Rhe8 21.g3 Kd7 22.Bb4 Rxe1 23.Rxe1* 1-0 (50) Kamsky,G (2609)-Brzezina,P (2341) Titled Tuesday intern op 24th Sep Late blitz 2024 (3)*)* 9.0-0 b5 10.Bc2 d6 11.h3 3...a6 4...Nge7 | Deferred Co-3...a6 5...Ng6 #3]

8...Bxd2+ 9.Nbxd2 0.25/25

[Better is 9.Qxd2± 0.70/24 d5 10.exd5 Qxd5 11.Qe3+ Qe6 12.0-0]

9...0-0 10.0-0 d5 11.Bxc6 bxc6 12.e5 f6 13.Re1 fxe5 14.Nxe5 Qf6 15.Ndf3 Active counter play! **15...Nxe5 16.dxe5 Qg6 17.Re3** 0.10/20

[17.Nh4± 0.59/24 is more appropriate. Qh6 18.Nf3]

17...Bg4!=

(Diagram)

18.h3! d4!

[18...Bxh3? 19.Nh4 Qg5 20.Rxh3+-]

19.Rd3

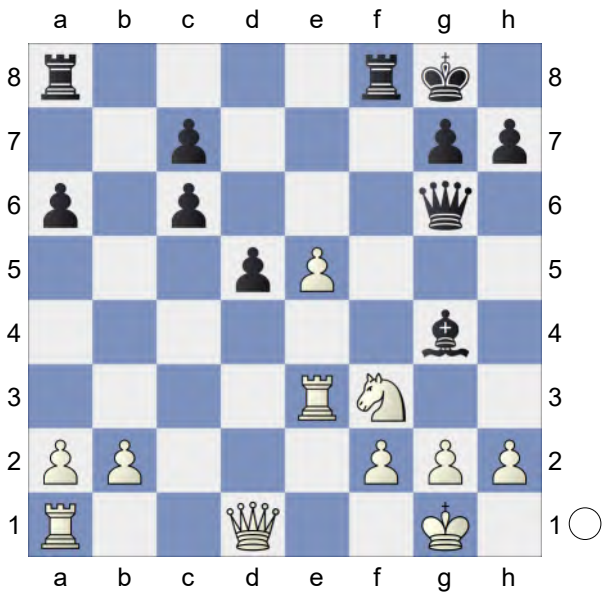
[19.Qxd4? Bxf3 20.Qc4+ Bd5-+]

19...Bxf3

[19...Bxh3? loses. 20.Nh4 *(20.Nxd4? Qxg2#)* 20...Qg5 21.Rxh3+-]

20.Rxf3 Rxf3 21.Qxf3 Endgame. KQR-KQR **21...Qc2** Prevents Rc1. **22.Rd1**

[22.Re1 simplifies Rf8 23.Qe2 Qxe2

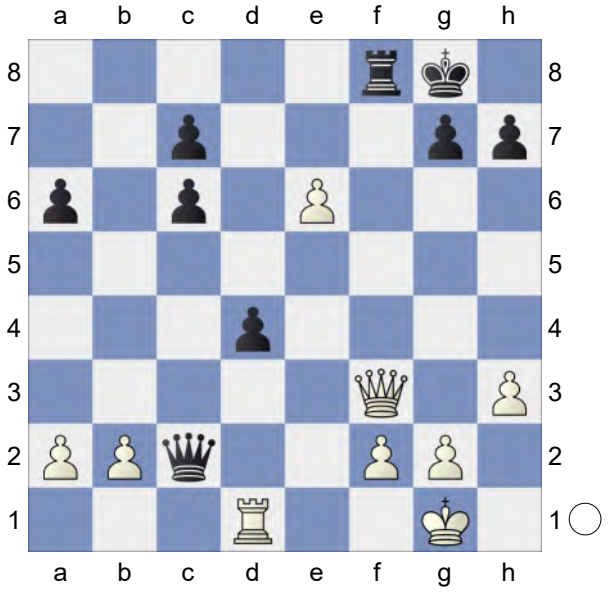


24.Rxe2 Kf7 25.Rc2]

22...Rd8 23.e6

[23.Re1 simplifies Rf8 24.Qe2 Qxe2 25.Rxe2 Kf7 26.Rc2]

23...Rf8



Dodges Qf7+. Deflection. The position is equal. **24.Qb3 Qxf2+ 25.Kh1** e7+ is the strong threat. **25...Re8 26.Qc4** Strongly threatening Rf1. **26...Qe3 27.Qxc6 Qxe6**

[Much worse is 27...Rxe6?! 28.Qxc7 h5 29.Qd8+ Kh7 30.Qxd4± *(30.Rxd4 Qg3=)*]

28.Qxe6+ Rxe6 29.Rxd4 KR-KR **29...Re2 30.Ra4 Rxb2 31.Rxa6 c5 32.Rc6 Rxa2 33.Rxc5 h6 34.Kh2 Ra3 35.Rb5 Kf7 36.Rb7+ Kf6 37.Rb6+ Kf7 38.Rb7+ Kf6 39.Rb6+ Kf7 40.Rb7+ Kf6**

Weighted Error Value: White=0.09 (flawless) /Black=0.04 (flawless)

½-½

C18

□ **Muzychuk,A.** **2593**

■ **Danielian,E.** **2475**

FIDE WGP Dilijan 2013 (11.3) 28.06.2013

[Kitty Kat]

C18: French: 3 Nc3 Bb4: Main line: 7 h4 and 7 Qg4

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.e5 c5 5.a3 Bxc3+ 6.bxc3 Ne7 7.Qg4 Qc7 8.Qxg7 Rg8 9.Qxh7 cxd4 10.Ne2 Nbc6 11.f4 White is more active.

[11.cxd4 Nxd4 12.Rb1 *(12.Nxd4 Qc3+ 13.Ke2 Qxa1∓)* 12...Ndf5=]

11...dxc3 12.h4 Bd7 13.h5 d4 White is slightly better. **14.h6 0-0-0** White must now prevent ...Nf5. **15.Qd3 a6N**

[15...Kb8 16.h7 Rh8 17.Rb1 Bc8 18.g4 b6 19.Rh5 Bb7 20.Ng3 Nd5 21.Ne4 f5 22.Ng5 Nxe5 23.fxe5 Qxe5+ 24.Qe2 Ne3 25.Bxe3 dxe3 26.Qh2 f4 27.Nf7 Qd4 28.Nxd8 Bf3 29.Bd3 1-0 4.Nc3 a6 5.Ne5 (2418)-12. Nf3 (2090) URS corr 1990 (1.17)]

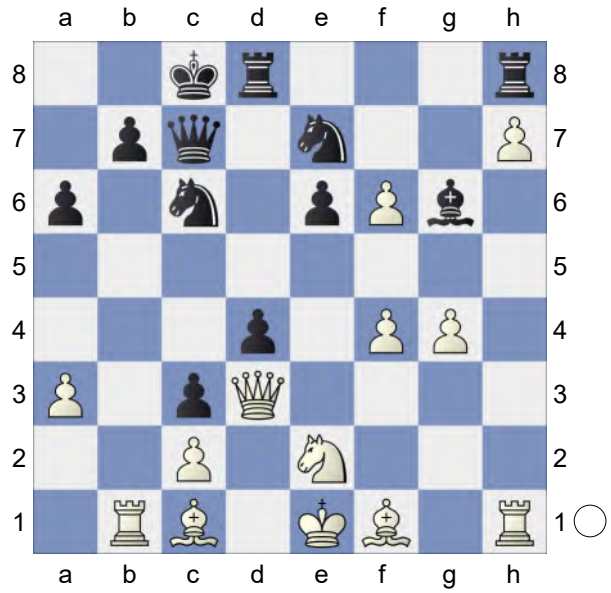
[15...Be8 16.Rb1 Nd5 17.Nxd4 Nxf4 18.Bxf4 Rxd4 19.Qe3 f5 20.Bd3 Ra4 21.Rh3 Qh7 22.Rb3 Rxg2 23.Rg3 Rxf4 24.Rxg2 Qxh6 25.Rxc3 Kd8 26.Kd1 Ke7 27.Kc1 Nxe5 28.Qc5+ Kf6 29.Kb2 Bc6 30.Re2 1-0 (38) 2 b4 and 2 a3 (2628)-

Kulygina,U (2684) Oesterreich 93/257 2005 (10)]
[15...Ng6 16.Rb1 Rh8 17.h7 Be8 18.g3 Ngxe5 19.Qe4 f5 20.Qg2 Ng4 21.Qf3 Rxh7 22.Rxh7 Qxh7 23.Bg2 e5 24.fxe5 Ngxe5 25.Qf4 d3 26.Bxc6 d2+ 27.Kd1 dxc1Q+ 28.Kxc1 Nxc6 29.Nxc3 Qd7 30.Rb5 0-1 (94) Ferretti (2176)-Metz, H (1902) Ireland-Sussex 1885-6 (2)]

16.h7
[16.Nxd4 Be8 17.Nxc6 Rxd3 18.Nxe7+ Qxe7=]

16...Rh8 17.Rb1
[Not 17.Nxd4 Be8 18.Nxc6 *(18.Be3? Nxd4 19.Bxd4 Nf5-+)* 18...Rxd3 19.Nxe7+ Qxe7∓]

17...Be8 18.g4 f6 1.38/20 **19.exf6± Bg6** 2.59/27
[19...Ng6± 1.27/21]



20.fxe7! 0.00/36 **Bxd3= 21.exd8Q+ Kxd8 22.cxd3** Strongly threatening Bg2. **22...Rxh7 23.Bg2** Threatens to win with Bxc6. **23...Rxh1+ 24.Bxh1 Qh7 25.Be4 Qh4+ 26.Kf1 Qh3+ 27.Kf2 Qh2+ 28.Bg2 Qh7 29.Rb6** -0.37/25
[29.g5= 0.00/30]

29...Qxd3 0.00/34
[29...Kc7∓ -0.37/25 30.Rxc6+ bxc6 31.Nxd4 Qxd3]

30.Rxb7 Qc2 31.Bxc6 Hoping for Rd7+. **31...d3** Pin **32.Rd7+!**
[32.Bf3 d2 33.Bxd2 cxd2-+]

32...Kc8 33.Rxd3! Qxd3 34.Bf3 c2 35.f5 exf5 36.g5 -0.57/36
[36.gxf5= -0.03/25 Qxf5 37.Nf4]

36...Qd6 37.Nf4 Qd4+ 38.Kg2 Qd1 39.Ne2 Qd6 40.Nf4 Qd1 41.Ne2 Qd6 42.Nf4 Qd1 43.Ne2
Weighted Error Value: White=0.19 (very precise) /Black=0.17 (very precise)
½-½

B48
□ **Muzychuk,A.** **2593**
■ **Dzagnidze,N.** **2550**
FIDE WGP Dilijan 2013 (7.5) 23.06.2013
[Kitty Kat]

B48: Sicilian: Taimanov: 5 Nc3 Qc7 6 Be3 a6 without Be2

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nc6 5.Nc3 Qc7 6.Be3 Nf6 7.f4 Bb4 8.Ndb5 Qa5 9.e5 White is slightly better. **9...Ne4 10.Qd3 Nxc3 11.bxc3 Be7 12.Be2 0-0 13.0-0 f6 14.exf6** White has more active pieces. **14...Bxf6 15.Rab1 d5 16.Bg4** 0.32/20
[16.c4± 0.73/21]

16...Bd7 17.c4 Ne7 18.Nd4 -0.16/22
[White should try 18.Bf2± 0.84/20]

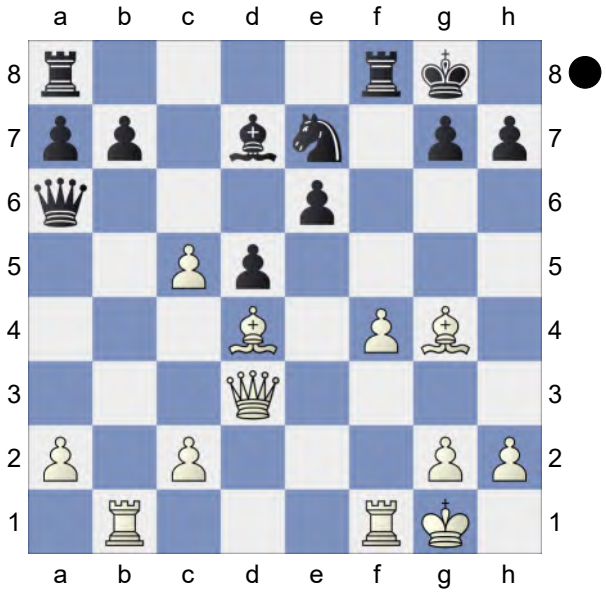
18...Qa6 0.79/20
[18...dxc4= -0.16/22 keeps the balance. 19.Qe2 Qa6]

19.c5± And now Qxa6 would win. White leaves nothing to chance now. **19...Bxd4** 1.29/21
[⌓19...Qxd3 0.78/23 20.cxd3 Bxd4 21.Bxd4 Nc6 22.Rxb7 Nxd4

23.Rxd7 Rac8]

20.Bxd4

[20.Qxd4 Nf5 21.Bxf5 Rxf5±]



Black must now prevent Qxa6.

20...Qxd3 21.cxd3 Nc6 22.Rxb7 Nxd4 23.Rxd7 Hoping for Re1. **23...Rf7** 1.60/24

[⌓23...Rac8 1.15/23]

24.Rd6 Rc8 25.c6

[25.Bxe6 Nxe6 26.Rxe6 Rxc5∓]

25...Kf8 2.47/23

[25...Re7± 1.50/25 was worth a try.]

26.Bxe6+- Ke7 3.60/22

[⌓26...Rf6 2.42/22]

27.Rd7+

[Inferior is 27.Bxc8 Kxd6 28.g3 Nxc6±]

27...Kxe6 28.Re1+ Kf6

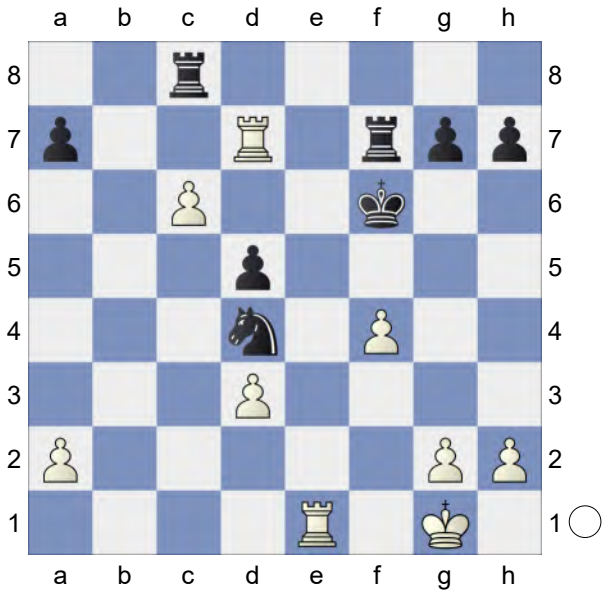
(Diagram)

...Rxd7 would now be deadly. **29.Rd6+**

[29.Rxd5 Nxc6 30.Rd6+ Kf5-+]

29...Kf5 30.Rxd5+ Kg4 31.h3+ White is clearly winning.

[Less strong is 31.Rxd4 Rxc6 32.Rd5 Kh4+-]



31...Kh4 32.Rxd4 Rxc6 Endgame. KRR-KRR **33.Re5 Rc2 34.a4 Rb7 35.Rg5** Rdd5 is the strong threat. **35...g6** 9.42/20

[⌓35...h6 4.86/19]

36.Rdd5 h5 Inhibits Rg4+. **37.Rxg6** g3+ would kill now. **37...Rb1+ 38.Kh2** Intending f5 and mate. **38...a5 39.Rh6**

Weighted Error Value: White=0.09 (flawless) /Black=0.32

[And not 39.Rxa5 Rh1+ Decoy 40.Kxh1 Rc1+ 41.Kh2 Rh1+ 42.Kxh1=]

1-0

C60

□ **Muzychuk,A.** **2593**

■ **Stefanova,A.** **2531**

FIDE WGP Dilijan 2013 (5.4) 21.06.2013

[Kitty Kat]

C60: Ruy Lopez: Unusual Black 3rd moves and 3...g6

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 Nge7 4.Nc3 d6 5.d4 exd4 6.Nxd4 a6 7.Be2 White is more active. **7...Nxd4 8.Qxd4** White is better. **8...Nc6 9.Qe3**

[9.Qd3 Be7 10.Be3 Bf6 11.h4 b5 12.f4 0-0 13.0-0-0 Nb4 14.Qd2 Bxc3 15.bxc3 Nc6 16.h5 Rb8 17.h6 g6 18.Bf3 Bb7 19.Rhe1 Na5 20.Qd4 f6 21.e5 Bxf3 22.gxf3 Nc4 23.Qd5+ Kh8 1-0 (38) Bragesjo,T (2283)-Hans,P (2269) corr WS/CCM/A/29 2022]

9...g6 10.Qg3N

[10.Qg5 h6 11.Qg3 Be6 12.0-0 Ne7 13.Be3 Bg7 14.Rad1 Qd7 15.Bd4 Bxd4 16.Rxd4 0-0-0 17.b4 Qc6 18.Rfd1 g5 19.a4 Ng6 20.Bf1 Ne5 21.Qe3 Qb6 22.a5 Qa7 23.Nd5 Kb8 24.Qc3 Rc8 0-1 (41) Belkhodja,S (2366)-Kambrath,Y (2375) Noisiel op 5th 2021 25.Ne7 Rce8 26.Rxd6 cxd6 27.Rxd6 Ng4 28.Rb6 Ka8 29.Bxa6 Rxe7 30.Qxh8+ Qb8 31.Qxb8+ Kxb8 32.Be2 Nf6 33.a6 Nxe4 34.Bf3 Bd5 35.h4 f5 36.Rxh6 g4 37.Be2 Nd2 38.Bd3 f4 39.Kh2 Re1 0-1 (41) Kasimdzhanov,R (2709)-Nakamura,H (2767) Zug FIDE GP 2013 (6) 40.Rh8+ Ka7 41.axb7 Kxb7 0-1 9.00 ♘bd7 10.b3_67550 (2709)-Osnos,V (2767) 76/71 Minsk 1999 (6)]

10...Nd4 0.84/22

[10...Be6± 0.39/21]

(Diagram)

11.Bd3!± Ne6 1.44/21 Dodges Bg5

[⌓11...Be6 0.94/20]

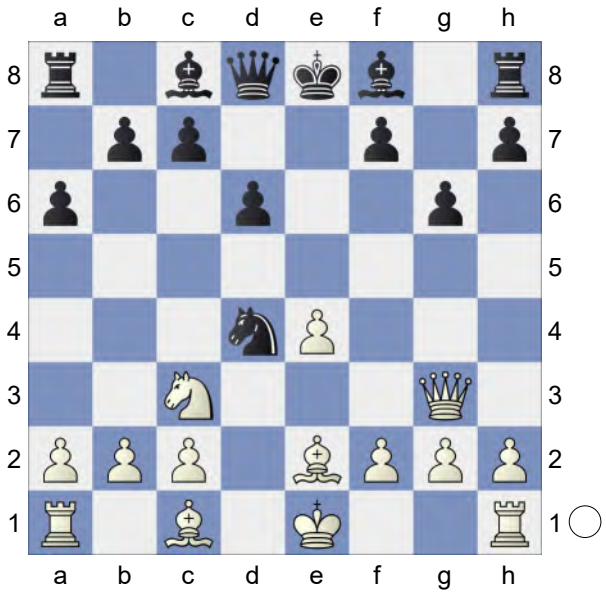
12.Bd2 0.72/20

[⌓12.0-0 1.44/21]

12...Bg7 13.0-0-0 0.35/20

[13.f4± 0.75/21]

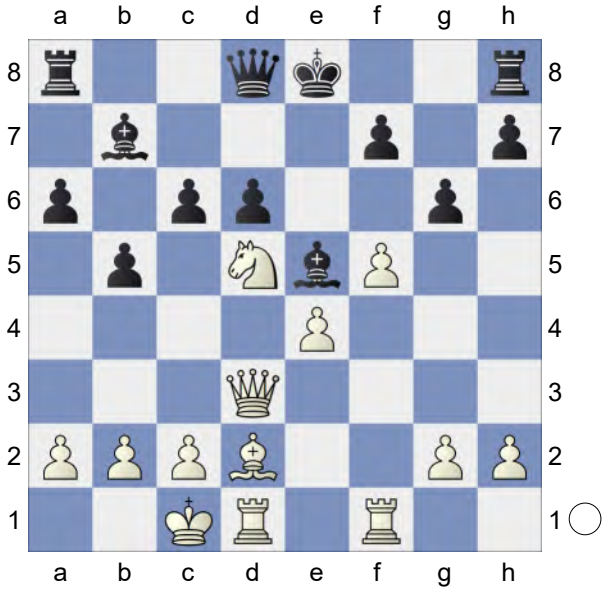
13...b5± 14.f4 Nc5 15.f5 And now Bg5 would win. **15...Nxd3+** 0.79/21



[15...Bb7!= 0.23/20 keeps the balance.]

16.Qxd3± Be5 17.Rhf1↑ Keeping Black busy. **17...Bb7** Repels Qd5 **18.Nd5 c6** 1.39/20

[⌓18...0-0 0.93/22]



19.Ne3! Black must now prevent Ng4.

19...Qe7 20.Ng4 Hoping for Nxe5.

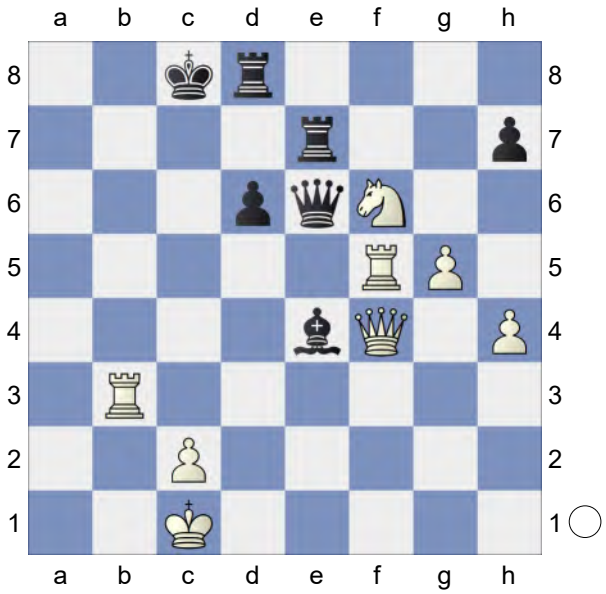
20...0-0-0 21.Qe3 0.59/22

[White should play 21.Qh3± 1.44/20 Threatens to win with Nxe5. gxf5 22.Rxf5 *(22.Nxe5 dxe5 23.Rxf5*

Qe6+-)]
21...Rhe8 22.Qh6 aiming for fxg6.
[22.Qh3 simplifies gxf5 23.Rxf5 Qe6 24.Nxe5 dxe5 25.b3]
22...gxf5 2.83/21
[22...Rd7± 0.76/22]
23.Bg5+- Skewer
[23.exf5 f6 24.Nxe5 dxe5+-]
[23.Rxf5 Qe6 24.Qxe6+ *(24.Qxh7 Qxa2 25.Bc3 b4-+)* 24...fxe6±]
23...f6 24.Bxf6
[24.Rxf5? fxg5 25.g3 Qg7 26.Qxg7 Bxg7-+]
24...Bxf6 25.Nxf6 Rf8 26.Rxf5 Rf7 27.Rdf1 Qe6 28.b3 c5 29.Qf4 Re7 30.Re1 b4 31.g4 a5 32.g5 a4 33.Re3
[33.bxa4 Qxa2 34.Rf1 Bxe4 35.Nxe4 Qa1+ 36.Kd2 Qd4+ 37.Kc1 Rxe4-+ *(37...Qxe4 38.Kb2±; 37...Qxe4 38.Qxe4 Rxe4 39.Rf7=)*]
33...axb3 34.axb3 Bc6 35.h4 Kb7 36.Rd3? 0.94/20
[36.Kd2+- 2.88/19 and White stays clearly on top.]
36...c4? 5.23/20
[36...Bxe4± 0.94/20 37.Qxe4+ Qxe4 38.Nxe4 Rxe4 39.Rf7+ Kc6]
37.Rd4 White is clearly winning.
37...cxb3 38.Rxb4+ Kc8 39.Rxb3 Bxe4

(Diagram)

40.Rc5+!! Back Rank.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.22 (precise) /Black=0.39
1-0



C84
□ **Garifullina,Leya** **2402**
■ **Muzychuk,A.** **2510**
FIDE Grand Swiss Women (9.2) 03.11.23
[Kitty Kat]

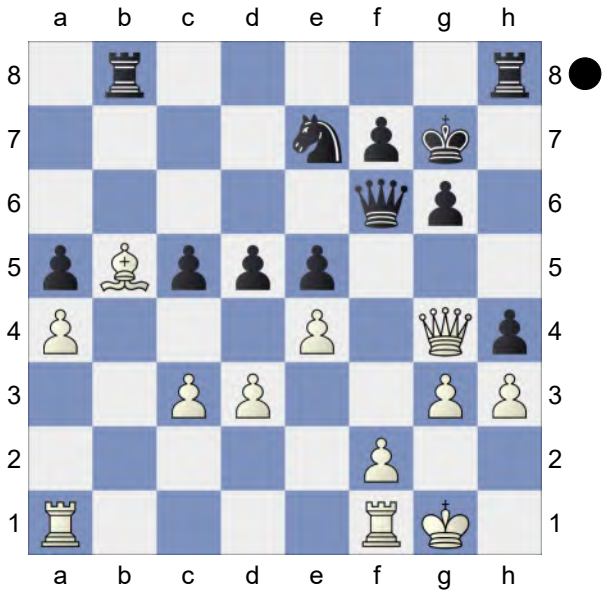
C84: Closed Ruy Lopez: Unusual White 6th moves
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Be7 6.d3 b5 7.Bb3 d6 8.a3 Na5 9.Ba2 c5 10.Nc3 Be6 11.Bg5 Nc6 12.Bxf6 Bxf6 13.Nd5 0-0 14.c3 a5N
[14...g6 15.a4 Bg7 16.Ne3 *(16.Qd2 Rb8 17.Ng5 Bd7 18.f4 b4 19.Bc4 Na5 20.fxe5 Nxc4 21.dxc4 Bxe5 22.Nf3 bxc3 23.bxc3 Bg7 24.Qd3 Rb2 25.a5 Re8 26.Rfe1 Bc6 27.Nd2 Qg5 28.Re2 Qh5 29.Rae1 Be5 30.Nf3 Rxe2* 1-0 (56) Ward,W (2264)-Friedrich,C (2215) EU-chT (Men) 16th 2007 (3)*)* 16...Bd7 17.Bd5 Qc7 18.Qb3 Rab8 19.axb5 axb5 20.Ra6 Ne7 21.Rfa1 Nc8 22.h3 h6 23.Nh4 Ne7 24.Ra7 Qd8 25.Nf3 Nc8 26.Ra8 Rxa8 27.Rxa8 Qf6

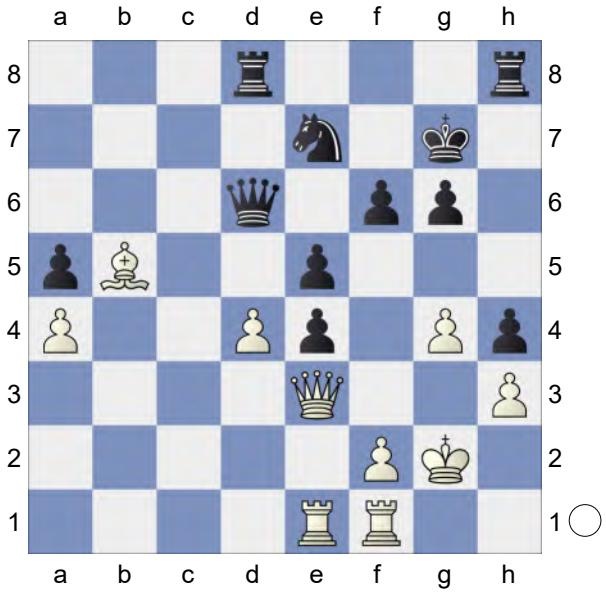
28.Nd2 h5 29.Rb8 1-0 (50) Karlusic, L (2352)-2.Bg5 h6 3.Bh4 g5 4.e3,7 (2069) Teusaquillo Rapid op 2023 (1)]
[14...Rc8 15.a4 b4 16.a5 Bxd5 17.Bxd5 bxc3 18.bxc3 Nxa5 19.Qa4 Nc6 20.Bxc6 1-0 Mohr,G (2407)-Bischoff,K (2028) Garmisch Partenkirchen rapid 1994 (2)]
15.a4 b4 16.Bc4 Rb8 17.h3 h6 18.Qd2 Kh7
[18...Bg5 simplifies 19.Nxg5 Qxg5 20.Qxg5 hxg5 21.Nc7 Bxc4 22.dxc4 Rfd8]
19.Rfd1 g6 20.Nxf6+ Qxf6 21.Nh2 Kg7 22.Ng4 -0.72/26
[22.Bxe6= -0.06/19 remains equal. fxe6 23.Ng4]
22...Qf4 0.00/20
[22...Bxg4∓ -0.72/26 23.hxg4 Nd8]
23.Ne3= Rfd8 24.Qe2 h5 25.g3 Qf6 26.Nd5 Bxd5 27.Bxd5 Ne7 28.Bc4 h4 29.Qg4 -1.30/21
[29.Rf1∓ -0.33/22]
29...d5 30.Bb5 bxc3 31.bxc3 Rh8 -0.40/22
[31...hxg3∓ -0.81/20 32.fxg3 Qb6]
32.Rf1 -0.79/23
[32.Kg2∓ -0.40/22]

(Diagram)

32...Rh5 -0.19/22
[Black should try 32...Qd6!∓ -0.79/23]
33.Kg2 Rbh8 34.Rh1 Rd8 35.Rad1 Rdh8 0.00/24
[35...Qd6∓ -0.40/22 was preferrable.]
36.Rde1 The position is equal. **36...Rd8 37.Qf3 Qe6 38.g4 Rhh8 39.Qe3 Qd6 40.Rhf1 f6 41.d4 cxd4 42.cxd4 dxe4**

(Diagram)



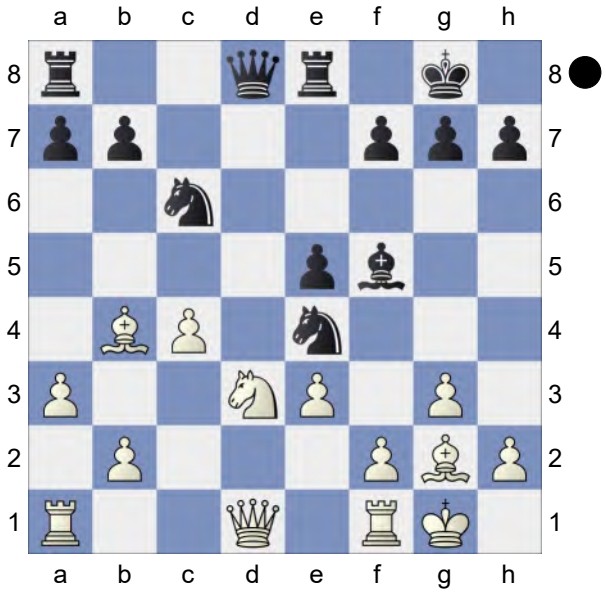


Threatens to win with ...Nd5. **43.dxe5 Qxe5** Strongly threatening ...Rd4. **44.Qxe4 Qxe4+ 45.Rxe4 Nd5 46.Bc6 Rd6 47.Bxd5 Rxd5** Endgame. KRR-KRR **48.Rb1 Rhd8 49.Re7+ Kh6 50.Ra7 Rc8 51.Rb5 Rxb5 52.axb5** KR-KR **52...Rc3 53.Rxa5 Rb3 54.Ra6 Rxb5 55.Rxf6 Kg5 56.Re6 Rb3 57.Re3 Rb5 58.Kf3 Ra5 59.Rd3 Re5 60.Rd4 Kf6 61.Kf4 g5+! 62.Kf3 Re6 63.Rd5 Kg6 64.Kg2 Ra6 65.Rd3 Rf6 66.Rd4 Ra6 67.Re4 Ra2 68.Rb4 Kf6 69.Rb6+ Kg7 70.Rb3 Kg6 71.Kf3**

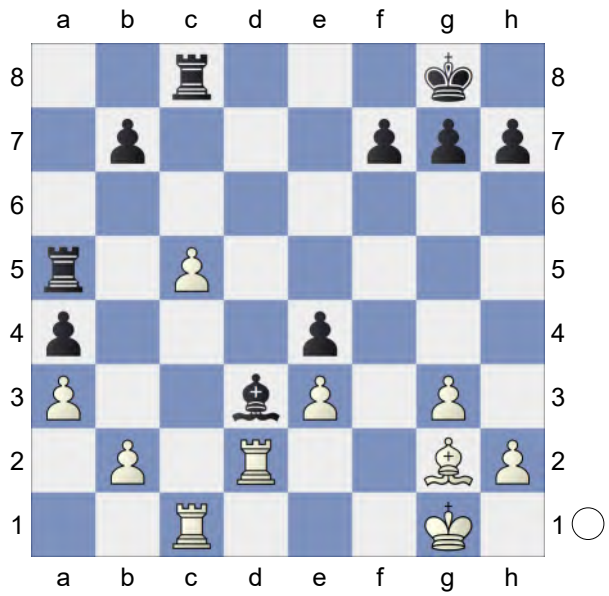
Ra6 72.Ke4 Re6+ 73.Kd5 Re2 74.Rf3 Re1 75.Re3 Rf1 76.Re6+ Kg7 77.Re2 Rh1 78.Re3 Rf1 79.f3 Kf6 80.Ke4 Ra1 81.Rd3 Re1+ 82.Re3 Ra1 83.Rd3 Re1+ 84.Re3
Weighted Error Value: White=0.11 (very precise) /Black=0.10 (very precise)
½-½

E01
□ **Huebner,R.** **2603**
■ **Muzychuk,A.** **2532**
Czech Coal Match (8) 05.12.2009
[Kitty Kat]

E01: Catalan: Early deviations
Yudasin,L: 'Inf 45/(44)' **1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 e6 3.g3 c5 4.Bg2 cxd4 5.0-0 d5N**
[5...Be7 6.Nxd4 0-0 7.c4 a6 8.Nc3 Qc7 9.Qd3 Nc6 10.b3 b6 11.Nf3 Bb7 12.Rd1 Rfd8 13.Bf4 d6 14.Rac1 Ne5 15.Qd2 Nxf3+ 16.exf3 Qd7 17.Ne4 d5 18.Nxf6+ Bxf6 19.cxd5 Qxd5 20.Qc2 ½-½ (23) Chugunov,I (1670)-Klaska,P (2026) GER-ch U14 Willingen 2023 (9) Qa5 21.Rxd8+ Bxd8 22.h4 Bd5 23.Bd6 b5 ½-½ Garces Suaza,C (1670)-Woelk,T (2026) 38/138 Bor 1984 (9)]
[5...Nc6 6.Nxd4 Bc5 7.Nb3 Be7 8.c4 0-0 9.Nc3 b6 10.Bf4 Bb7 11.Rc1 d6 12.Nb5 Ne8 13.Qd2 a6 14.Nc3 Qb8 15.Rfd1 Nd8 16.Ne4 e5 17.Bg5 f6 18.Be3 f5 19.Nc3 Bxg2 20.Kxg2 1-0 (54) Aronian,L (2792)-Carlsen,M (2855) Paris GCT blitz 2016 (13)]
[5...d6 6.Nxd4 a6 7.c4 Qc7 8.b3 Be7 9.Bb2 0-0 10.Nc3 Nbd7 11.Rc1 Ne5 12.e3 Bd7 13.Qe2 Rac8 14.h3 Qb8 15.Rfd1 Rfd8 16.a4 Nc6 Mochalov,E (2420)-Yudasin,L (2475) USSR 45/(44) 1988]
6.Nxd4 e5 7.Nf3 Nc6 8.c4 d4 9.e3 d3 0.92/21
[9...Be7= 0.20/20]
10.Nc3± Bb4 11.Bd2 -0.24/18
[11.Nxe5!± 0.88/22 Nxe5 12.Qa4+ Nc6 13.Bxc6+ Remove Defender bxc6 14.Qxb4]
11...0-0!= 12.a3 Bxc3 13.Bxc3 Ne4 0.10/24
[13...Re8!∓ -0.33/22 feels stronger.]
14.Bb4 This pair of bishops is nice.
14...Re8 15.Ne1! Bf5 16.Nxd3
[16.g4 seems wilder. Bg6 17.Nxd3 Rc8 18.h3]



16...Nxg3! 17.fxg3 Qxd3
[Of course not 17...Bxd3 18.Rxf7 Nxb4 19.axb4 *(19.Rxb7 Nc2=)* 19...Kxf7 20.Bd5+ Kg6 21.Qxd3+ Kh6 22.Qe4±]
18.Qxd3 Bxd3 19.Rfd1 Threatens to win with Bxc6. **19...e4 20.c5** -0.35/27
[20.Rac1= 0.01/21 deserves consideration.]
20...a5 21.Bc3 a4 22.Rd2 Na5 23.Bxa5 Rxa5 24.Rc1 Rc8
(Diagram)



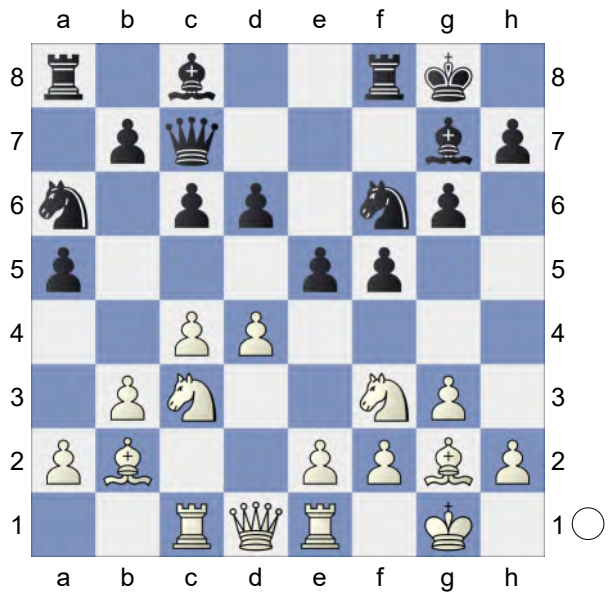
aiming for ...h5! **25.Bf1 Raxc5**
[Don't do 25...Rcxc5 26.Rcd1∓]
26.Rxc5 The position is equal. **26...Rxc5 27.Bxd3 exd3 28.Rxd3** Endgame. KR-KR **28...g6** White must now prevent ... Rc1+. **29.Rd4 Rc1+ 30.Kg2 Rc2+ 31.Kg1 Rxb2** And now ...b5 would win.
[31...b5!? 32.Rb4□ Rc5=]
32.Rxa4 Kg7 33.Re4 h5 34.a4 g5 35.Re5 Kg6 36.a5 f6 37.Rc5 Re2 38.Rb5 Ra2 39.h3 Kh6
Weighted Error Value: White=0.12 (very precise) /Black=0.11 (very precise)
½-½

A88
□ **Timman,J.** **2591**
■ **Muzychuk,A.** **2532**
Czech Coal Match (6) 03.12.2009
[Kitty Kat]

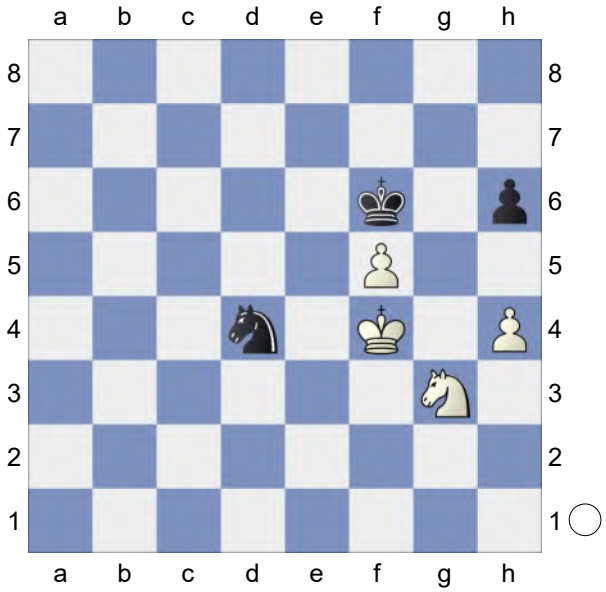
A88: Dutch Defence: Leningrad System: 5 Nf3 0-0 6 0-0 d6 7 Nc3 c6
1.Nf3 f5 2.g3 Nf6 3.Bg2 g6 4.b3
[4.0-0 Bg7 5.d3 d6 6.Nbd2 e5 7.e4 Nc6 8.c3 Rb8 9.Qc2 0-0 10.a4 fxe4 11.dxe4 a5 12.Nc4 Be6 13.Ne3 Kh8 14.Bd2 Qd7 15.Ng5 Bg8 16.Bh3 Qe7 17.Bg2 h6 18.Nf3 Qf7 1-0 (60) Djusupov,M-Morozov,A KGZ-ch Bishkek 2009 (11)]
4...Bg7 5.Bb2 d6N
[5...0-0 6.0-0 Nc6 7.d4 Ne4 8.Qc1 e6 9.c4 Qe7 10.Ne5 d6 11.Nxc6 bxc6 12.Nd2 Nxd2 13.Qxd2 Bd7 14.Qa5 Qd8 15.Rad1 g5 16.f4 gxf4 17.Rxf4 d5 18.Bc1 Bh6 19.Rf2 Bxc1 20.Rxc1 1-0 (58) Damljanovic,B (2575)-Zaharov,A Tivat op 1995 (6) Rf7 21.cxd5 exd5 22.Rcf1 Qf6 23.Rf4 Qd6 24.Bh3 Re8 25.R1f2 Rfe7 26.Qd2 Qg6 27.Bf1 Bc8 28.R2f3 Re4 29.e3 Qe6 30.Kf2 Qh6 31.h4 Qd6 32.Qc1 Kg7 33.Bd3 h6 34.Kg2 Rxf4 35.Rxf4 ½-½ (58) Dyer,I (2555)-Qc2 Other Ideas (2380) Yerevan 120/95 2014 (5) Rf8 36.Kf2 Rf6 37.Qc5 a6 38.b4 Rf8 39.a3 Qxc5 40.dxc5 h5 41.Be2 Kg6 42.g4 hxg4 43.Bxg4 Bd7 44.Be2 Ra8 45.Rf3 a5 46.Rg3+ Kh7 47.Kf3 axb4 48.axb4 Ra2 49.Rg2 Rb2 50.Kf4 ½-½ (58) Damljanovic,B (2555)-Bjelajac,M (2380) YUG-chT Tivat 1995 (5)]
6.d4 0-0 7.0-0 a5 8.c4 c6 9.Nc3 Na6 10.Rc1 Qc7 11.Re1 0.21/21
[11.d5± 0.61/22 is superior.]
11...e5=

(Diagram)

12.Nb5 -0.60/24 **cxb5?** 1.22/22
[12...Qe7∓ -0.60/24 13.dxe5 dxe5]
13.cxb5± Discovered Attack **13...Qe7** 1.54/23
[⌓13...Qb6 1.06/25]
14.dxe5!
[Inferior is 14.bxa6 e4=]
14...dxe5 15.bxa6 White is more active.



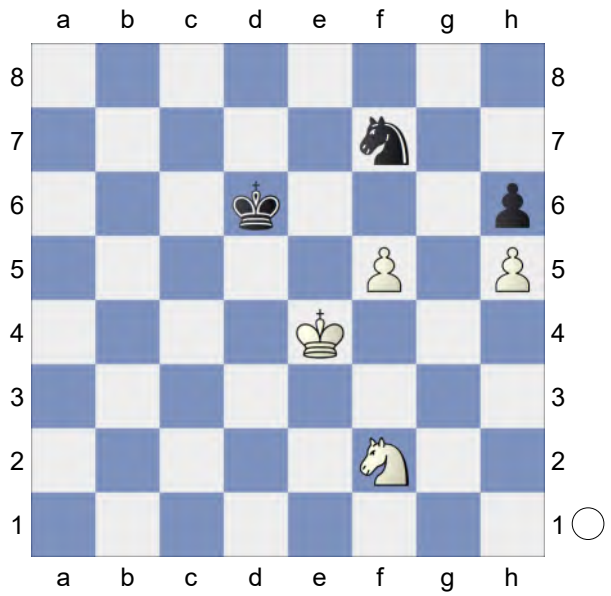
15...e4 16.axb7 Bxb7 17.Nd4 0.75/22
[⌓17.Ne5 1.18/24]
17...e3 18.f4 Bxg2 19.Kxg2 Qe4+ 1.43/25
[19...Rad8± 0.63/20 20.Qc2 Qe4+ 21.Nf3 Rd2]
20.Nf3 0.51/24
[20.Kg1!± 1.43/25]
20...Rfd8± 21.Qc2 Rd2! 22.Qb1
[But not 22.Qxe4? fxe4 23.Nxd2 exd2-+]
22...a4 1.02/23
[22...Qxb1!± 0.39/24 23.Rxb1 Rc2]
23.Be5 0.00/27
[White should play 23.b4!± 1.02/23]
23...Qxb1
[23...a3!?]
24.Rxb1 Ne4 25.Bxg7 Kxg7 26.bxa4 Rxa2 27.Rb7+ Kg8 28.Ne5 R2xa4 29.Rd1 Hoping for Rdd7. **29...R4a7 30.Rxa7 Rxa7=** Endgame. KRN-KRN **31.Kf3 Ra3 32.Rd3 Nd2+ 33.Kg2 Rxd3 34.Nxd3** KN-KN **34...Kg7 35.Nb4 h6 36.Nd5 Nc4 37.h3 g5 38.Kf3 Kg6 39.Nxe3 Nd2+ 40.Kg2 gxf4 41.gxf4 Ne4 42.Nf1 Kf6 43.Kf3 Nc3 44.Ng3 Ke6 45.e3 Nb5 46.Ke2 Nc3+ 47.Kd2 Nd5 48.Kd3** aiming for Nxf5! **48...Nb4+ 49.Kc3 Nd5+ 50.Kd4 Nb4 51.e4 Nc6+ 52.Ke3 fxe4 53.Kxe4** Black must now prevent Nf5. **53...Kf6 54.h4 Ne7?** 5.89/44
[54...Nb4= 0.00/38]
55.f5!+- Nc6 56.Kf4? 0.09/35
[56.Nh5++- 5.88/38 Kf7 57.Nf4]
56...Nd4? 5.91/35
[56...Nb4= 0.09/35 and Black has nothing to worry.]



57.Ne4+! Kf7 58.h5? 0.00/58
[White should try 58.Nf2+- 4.87/29 Ne2+ 59.Ke4]
58...Ke7= 59.Ke5 Nc6+ 60.Kd5 Nb4+ 61.Kd4 Nc6+ 62.Ke3 Ne5 63.Nf2 Kd6 64.Ke4 Nf7? 8.03/42
[64...Nd7= 0.00/26]

(Diagram)

65.Ng4? 0.00/57
[65.Kd4!+- 8.03/42 And now Ne4+ would win. Ke7 66.Ne4]
65...Ng5+ 66.Kf4 Nf7 67.Nf6 Strongly threatening Ng8.
[67.f6!? Ke6□ 68.Ke4=]

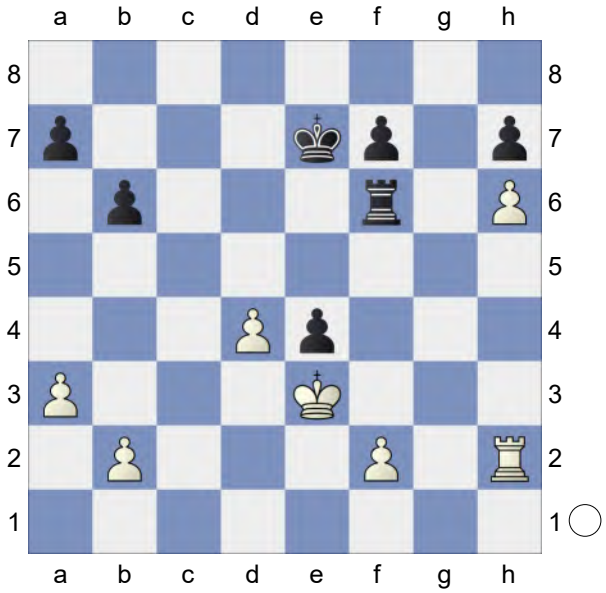


67...Ke7 68.Ne4
[68.Ng4!?]
68...Nd8! 69.Ke3
[69.Ke5!? Nc6+□ 70.Kf4=]
69...Nc6 70.Nf2 Ne5 Inhibits Ng4.
71.Ke4 Nf7 72.Ng4 Ng5+ 73.Kd5
[73.Kf4!? Nf7□ 74.Kf3=]
73...Nf3! 74.Nxh6
[74.Ke4!? Ng5+□ 75.Kd5±]
74...Kf6 75.Ke4 Ne1? 250.00/24
[75...Ng5+= 0.00/28 76.Kf4 Nh3+ 77.Kg3 Ng1]
76.Ng4++- Kf7 77.f6 White wants to mate with Kf5. **77...Ng2 78.Ke5 Nh4 79.Nh6+ Kf8 80.Nf5 Nf3+ 81.Kf4 Ne1 82.h6 Nd3+ 83.Kg5** Threatening mate with h7. **83...Ne5 84.h7 Nf7+ 85.Kh5** Weighted Error Value: White=0.35/ Black=0.41
1-0

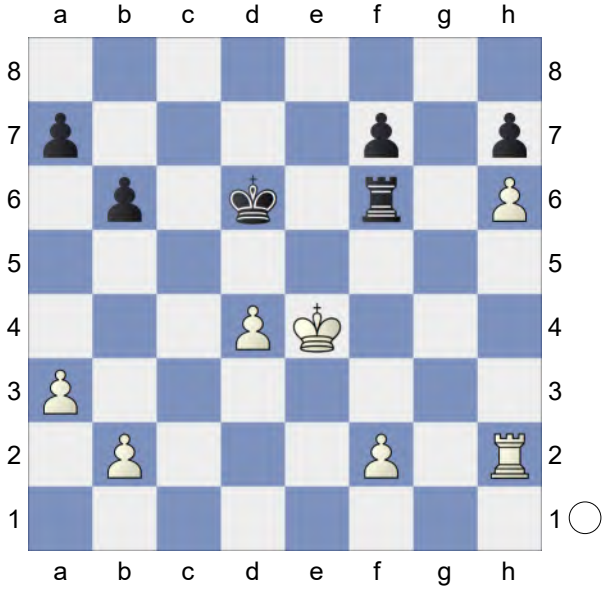
C13
□ **Muzychuk,A.** **2532**
■ **Huebner,R.** **2603**
Czech Coal Match (4) 01.12.2009
[Kitty Kat]

C13: French: Classical System: 4 Bg5 Be7, Alekhine-Chatard Attack
1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.Bg5 dxe4 5.Nxe4 Nbd7 6.Nf3 Be7 7.Nxf6+ Bxf6N
[7...Nxf6 8.Bd3
A) 8...c5 9.dxc5 *(9.c3 cxd4 10.cxd4 Qa5+ 11.Bd2 Bb4 12.0-0 Bd7 13.Bf4 0-0 14.Qe2 Rac8 15.Be5 Bc6 16.Ng5 Qd5 17.f4 Be7 18.Rf3 h6 19.Rh3 Rfd8 20.Nf3 Ne4 21.Re1 Nd6 22.Rg3 Bf8 23.Nh4 b5* 1-0 (31) Teichmann,R-Burn,A Berlin_338161 1897 (5)*)* 9...Qa5+ 10.c3 Qxc5 11.Qe2 Bd7 12.0-0 0-0 13.Ne5 Bc6 14.Rad1 Rfd8 15.Rfe1 Be8 16.h3 b5 17.Bh4 a5 18.Qf3 b4 19.c4 a4 20.b3 axb3 21.axb3 Ra6 22.Bxf6 gxf6 23.Bxh7+ 1-0 (28) Burdalev,K (2535)-Aevski (2371) 78/(43) Reykjavik 2000 (8);
B) 8...0-0 9.Qd2 *(9.Qe2 c5 10.dxc5 Qa5+ 11.c3 Qxc5 12.0-0 Rd8 13.Rad1 Bd7 14.Ne5 Be8 15.Rfe1 Rd5 16.c4 Rdd8 17.Qf3 Rac8 18.Qh3 g6 19.Re3 Nd7 20.Bxe7 Qxe7 21.Ng4 h5 22.Ne5 Nxe5 23.Rxe5 Rxc4* 0-1 (90) Pillsbury,H-Burn,A Vienna_256293 1898 *)* 9...b6 10.0-0-0 Bb7 11.h4 Ne4 12.Qe3 f5 13.Bf4 Bf6 14.Ne5 Bxh4 15.Bxe4 fxe4 16.Qh3 Rxf4 17.g3 Rf5 18.gxh4 Qe7 19.Rhg1 Rxf2 20.Rg5 Bd5 21.Rdg1 Raf8 22.c4 0-1 (37) Barbaro,M-Catracchia,M ITA-chT3

corr 1986]
8.h4 b6 0.90/21
[8...0-0= 0.18/21 keeps the balance.]
9.Bb5!± 0-0 10.Bc6 Prevents Bb7. **10...Rb8** White is better. **11.Qd2** White is more active. **11...Bb7 12.Bxb7 Rxb7 13.0-0-0 Re8 14.g4 c5 15.Be3 cxd4 16.Nxd4 Ne5 17.g5 Nc4 18.Qe2 Nxe3 19.Qxe3 Bxd4 20.Rxd4**
[20.Qxd4 Qxd4 21.Rxd4 Rc7=]
20...Qc8 21.Rhd1 e5 1.21/22
[⌓21...g6 0.73/23]
22.Rd5 0.46/23
[22.Re4!± 1.21/22]
22...e4 1.32/21
[22...Rc7± 0.46/23]
23.h5 Rc7 24.c3 Qe6 1.64/20
[24...Qg4± 1.19/23 was worth a try.]
25.h6 aiming for f4. **25...Rc5?** 3.70/26
[25...Rce7± 1.54/19 26.Kb1 Kf8]
26.Rd8 And now R1d6 would win. **26...Rc8 27.R8d6 Qc4**
[27...Qxa2? 28.Qd4 f6 29.gxf6+-]
28.a3 Qc5 29.R1d4 Qb5 30.Kc2
[30.Rxe4 Rxe4 31.Qxe4 Qxg5+ 32.Kb1 gxh6±]
30...Rc4 31.R6d5 1.60/18
[31.Rd8+- 2.97/20 Threatens to win with Rxe8+. Rc8 32.Rxc8 Rxc8 33.Rxe4 *(33.Qxe4 Qxg5 34.hxg7 Qf6=)*]
31...Qa4+ 32.Kd2 Rxd4+ 33.Qxd4
[Resist 33.Rxd4 Qb3±]
33...Qxd4+ 34.cxd4 Rd7 is the strong threat. **34...gxh6 35.gxh6+-** Endgame. KR-KR **35...Kf8 36.Re5** 1.51/25
[36.Ke3+- 1.93/29]
36...Rd8± 37.Ke3 Rd6 38.Rh5
[Worse is 38.Kxe4 Rxh6 39.d5 Rh1=]
38...Rf6 39.Rh2! Hoping for d5!
[Not 39.Kxe4 Rxf2 40.b4 Ke7=]
39...Ke7 2.21/25
[39...Rg6 1.72/26 might work better. 40.Kxe4 Re6+ 41.Kd3 Ke7]



40.Kxe4 0.78/21
[40.d5!+- 2.21/25]
40...Kd6? 4.72/23
[40...Re6+± 0.78/21 is tougher. 41.Kd3 Kd6]

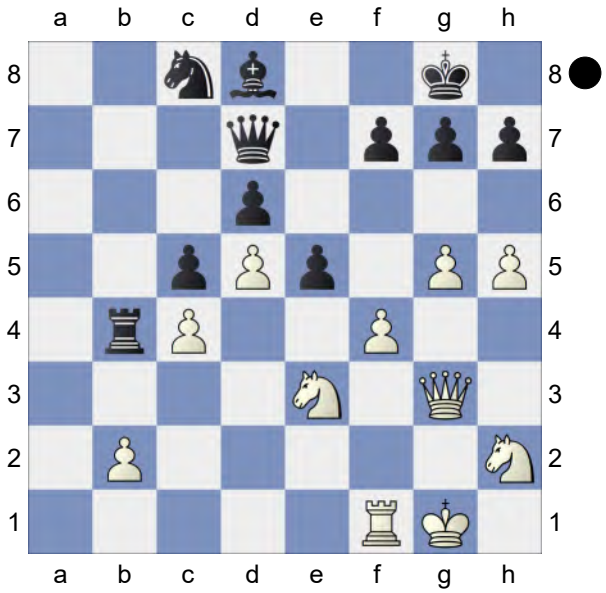


41.d5!+- Rg6 42.f4 Against Rg5 **42...f6 43.Rh3 Kd7 44.a4 Kd6** 5.47/26
[⌓44...a5 3.88/23 45.b3 Rg4]
45.b4 White is clearly winning. **45...f5+**

46.Kxf5 Kxd5 47.b5 Kd4 48.Rh1 Kd5 49.Rd1+ Kc5 50.Rc1+
Weighted Error Value: White=0.23 (precise) /Black=0.45
1-0

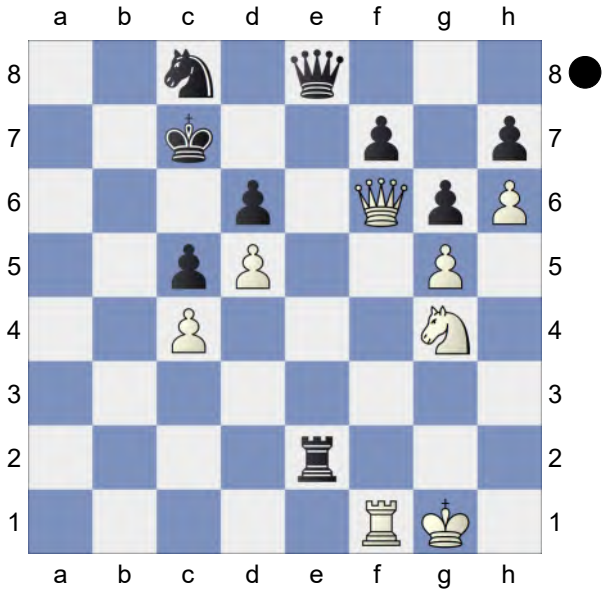
B22
□ **Howell,D.** **2606**
■ **Muzychuk,A.** **2523**
Corus B Wijk aan Zee NED (10) 27.01.10
[Kitty Kat]

B22: Sicilian: 2 c3
Hernandez Onna,Roman; Ibarra Padron, J: 'Hernandez,Rom; Ibarra Padron,J: 'Inf 73/125" **1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.c3 e5N**
[3...Nf6 4.d3 g6 5.g3 Bg7 6.Bg2 0-0 7.0-0 d6 8.Re1 *(8.Nbd2 Rb8 9.a4 a6 10.Qe2 b5 11.axb5 axb5 12.d4 Nd7 13.Nb3 c4 14.d5 cxb3 15.dxc6 Nc5 16.Be3 Be6 17.Rfd1 Bc4 18.Qe1 Na4 19.Qd2 Qc7 20.Bh6 Qxc6 21.e5 Qc5 22.Bxg7 Kxg7* 0-1 (33) 3.e5 ♗f5 4.♘c3 ♕b6_3582-Gesos,P Leon Masters 25th rapid 2012 *23.exd6 Qxd6 24.Nd4 Qf6 25.f4 Rfd8 26.Re1 Nc5 27.Qe3 Nd3 28.Re2 b4 29.Nc6 bxc3 30.Nxb8 Rxb8 31.bxc3 b2 32.Rb1 Qxc3 33.Bf1 e5* 1-0 Barczay,L-Petran,P 24/178 Zalaegerszeg 1977 *)* 8...e5 9.Nbd2 Re8 10.a4 Rb8 11.Nc4 Qc7 12.Bd2 a6 13.a5 Be6 14.Qa4 h6 15.Nb6 Nd7 16.Nd5 Qc8 17.Nh4 Qd8 18.Kh1 ½-½ (21) Istratescu,A (2545)-Cosma,I (2495) Ciocaltea Memorial 1997 (12)]
[3...d6 4.d4 Nf6 5.Bd3 g6 6.0-0 Bg7 7.h3 0-0 8.d5 Nb8 9.Re1 Na6 10.Bf4 Nc7 11.Bf1 b5 12.a4 bxa4 13.Rxa4 a5 14.Bh2 Bd7 15.Ra3 a4 16.Nbd2 Rb8 17.Nc4 Bb5 18.Nfd2 1-0 (50) Siegel,G (2540)-Hernandez Onna,R (2425) Capablanca Memorial Premier 33rd 1998 (13)]
4.Bc4 Qc7 5.d3 Nf6 6.Bg5 Be7 7.Nbd2 Rb8 8.a4 a6 White is slightly better. **9.Nf1 d6 10.Ne3 0-0 11.Bxf6 Bxf6 12.h4 b5 13.axb5 axb5 14.Ba2 Qd8 15.g4 Be6** 0.57/23
[15...Kh8= 0.15/21 feels stronger.]
16.g5± Be7 17.Bd5 Qd7 18.Ra6 0.27/20
[18.h5± 0.69/21]
18...Rfc8 0.84/21
[18...Bxd5= 0.27/20 remains equal. 19.Nxd5 *(19.exd5 Nd8=)* 19...Bd8]
19.Nh2 Bd8 20.Qf3 Ne7 21.h5 0.27/22 White has more active pieces.
[21.Bxe6± 0.63/25 is more appropriate. fxe6 22.h5]
21...Bxd5= 22.exd5 Ra8 23.Rxa8 Rxa8 24.0-0 Ra4 25.c4! bxc4 26.dxc4 Nc8 27.Qg3 Rb4 28.f4



And now Nhg4 would win. **28...exf4** 1.51/22
[28...Nb6!± 0.43/21]
29.Qxf4± Nhg4 would now be deadly.
29...Rxb2? 3.87/21
[29...Qe7± 1.14/19 is a better

defense. 30.Nf3 Nb6]
30.Nhg4+- Qe8 31.h6 aiming for hxg7.
31...g6 32.Nd1? 0.79/21
[32.Re1+- 3.14/23 has better winning chances. Nf6+ is the strong threat. f5 33.gxf6]
32...Re2? 3.79/23
[32...Rb1± 0.79/21]
33.Nf6+ Bxf6 34.Qxf6 Kf8 35.Qg7+ Ke7 36.Nf2? 0.00/23
[White has to play 36.Qxh7+- 2.70/22 Re5 37.Rf3 Rxg5+ 38.Kf1]
36...Kd8= 37.Qf6+ Kc7 38.Ng4? -3.07/26
[38.Ra1= -0.27/21 and White has nothing to worry.]



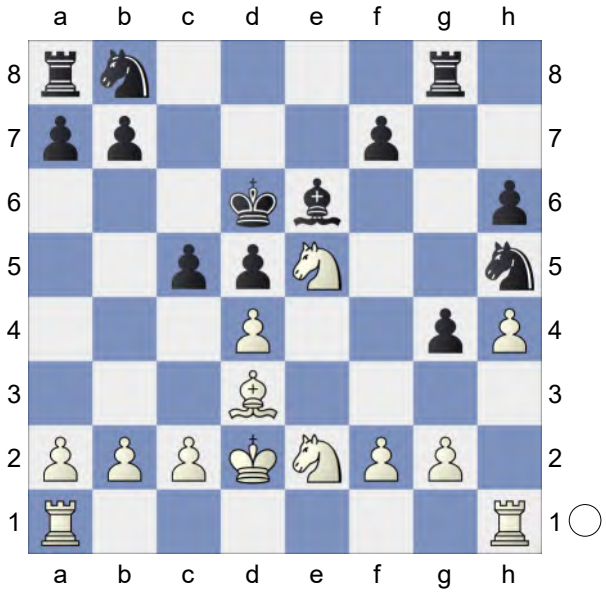
38...Qe4!-+ 39.Qf3 Threatens to win with Qxe4. **39...Qd4+ 40.Rf2 Re1+ 41.Kh2 Ne7?** 0.00/30
[41...Qxc4-+ -1.75/20 Hoping for ... Nb6. 42.Kh3 Qd4 *(42...Ne7? 43.Qa3-+)*]
42.Qa3!↑ White is pushing. The position is equal. **42...Qxg4 43.Qa5+ Kd7 44.Qa4+ Kd8 45.Qa8+ Kd7 46.Qa4+ Kd8** (-> ...Qg1+) **47.Qa8+**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.37/ Black=0.37
½-½

C01
□ **Muzychuk,A.** **2523**
■ **L'Ami,E.** **2615**
Corus B Wijk aan Zee NED (11) 29.01.10
[Kitty Kat]

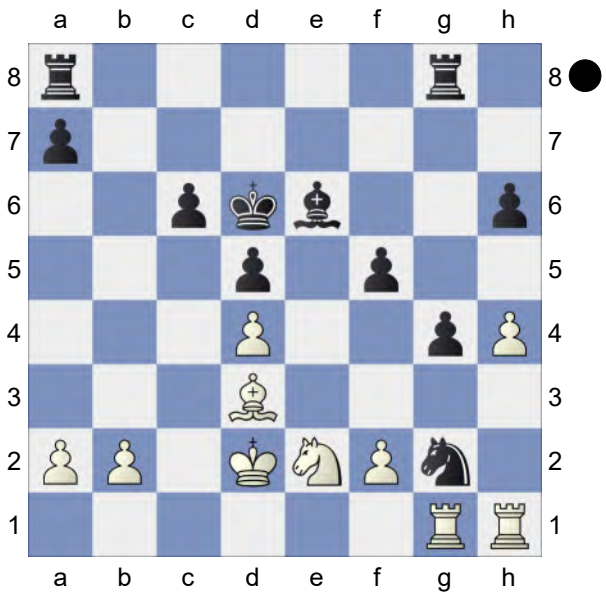
C01: French: Exchange Variation
1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.exd5 exd5 4.Nf3 Nf6 5.Bd3 Bd6 6.Qe2+ Qe7 7.Qxe7+ Kxe7 8.Bg5N
[8.0-0
A) 8...Re8 9.Bg5 *(9.Re1+ Kf8 10.Rxe8+ Kxe8 11.Nc3 c6 12.Bd2 Kf8 13.Re1 Nbd7 14.h3 h6 15.Ne5 Kg8 16.f4 Nf8 17.f5 Bd7 18.Kf2 Re8 19.Nxd7 N8xd7 20.Rxe8+ Nxe8 21.Kf3 Kf8 22.Ne2 Ke7 23.b3 Nef6* (49) Chapter-Games Chapter 4 Game 16 *)* 9...h6 10.Bh4 Nbd7 11.Re1+ Kf8 12.Nbd2 Rxe1+ 13.Rxe1 Nh5 14.Bg3 Nxg3 15.hxg3 ½-½ Li,C (2679)-Wan,Y (2508) CHN-chT Div-A Rapid 2022 (11.3);
B) 8...Nc6 9.Re1+ Be6 10.c3 Rhe8 *(10...h6 11.Nh4 Kd7 12.Nf5 Bf8 13.h3 Ne4 14.Bxe4 dxe4 15.Ne3 Ne7 16.c4 Re8 17.d5 Bf5 18.c5 Bh7 19.b4 Ng6 20.Nc4 Be7 21.Nba3 Bf6 22.Rb1 Ne5 23.Be3 Nd3 24.Red1 g5 25.d6* 1-0 (43) Coles,R (2167)-Schnepp,G (2278) Biel HTO 56th 2023 (6) *)* 11.Ng5 Nd8 12.Nd2 Kf8 13.Ndf3 h6 14.Nxe6+ Nxe6 15.g3 c5 16.Bd2 cxd4 17.cxd4 Rac8 18.Re2 a6 19.Rae1 Re7 20.Kf1 Rce8 21.h3 h5 22.Bc2 g6

(61) Drygalov,A-Gong,C Part 5 Chapter 2]

8...h6 9.Bh4 g5 10.Bg3 Be6 11.Bxd6+ Kxd6 12.Nc3 c6
Against Nb5+ **13.h4 g4 14.Ne5 Nh5**
[14...Nbd7 simplifies 15.Nxd7 Bxd7 16.Ne2 Nh5]
15.Ne2 -0.34/23
[White should try 15.0-0± 0.33/21]
15...Rg8 0.36/23
[15...c5∓ -0.34/23]
16.Kd2 0.00/26
[16.Ng3± 0.36/23 Nf4 17.Nf5+ Kc7 *(17...Bxf5? 18.Bxf5 Ke7 19.g3+-)* 18.Nxh6 Nxd3+ 19.cxd3]
16...c5



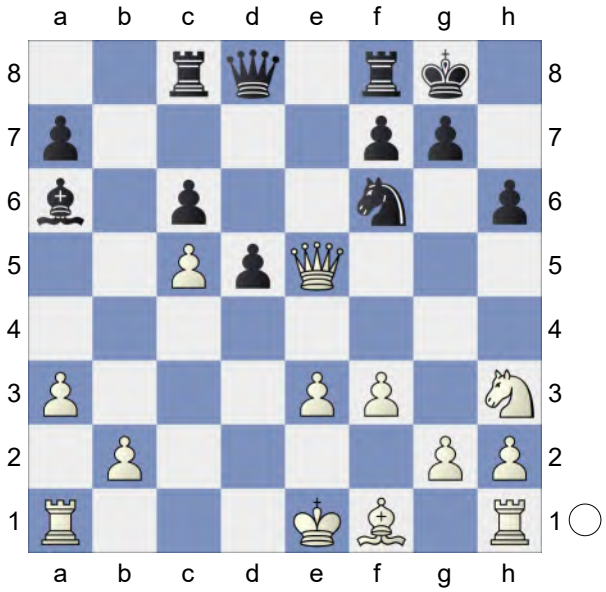
Hoping for ...c4. **17.c3 cxd4 18.cxd4 Nc6 19.Nxc6 bxc6 20.Rac1** -0.28/23
[⌓20.b4 0.11/23]
20...f5 0.14/22
[⌓20...Bd7 -0.28/23]
21.Ng3 -0.28/25
[⌓21.b4! 0.14/22]
21...Nf4= 22.Ne2!
[22.Nxf5+ Bxf5 23.Bxf5 Raf8-+]
[22.Bxf5 Rgf8 23.Bxe6 Nxe6-+]
22...Nxg2 ...f4 is the strong threat.
23.Rcg1



f4! And now ...f3 would win. **24.Rxg2 f3 25.Rg3 fxe2 26.Bxe2 Rab8 27.b3 a5 28.Rhg1** The position is equal. **28...Rbf8 29.f3 gxf3**
[29...Rf4 simplifies 30.Ke3 Rgf8 31.fxg4 Re4+]
30.Rxg8 f2 31.R1g6 Rxg8 32.Rxg8 Bxg8 Endgame. KB-KB
[32...f1N+ simplifies 33.Kc3 Bxg8 34.Bxf1 c5]
33.Ke3 c5 34.Kxf2
[34.dxc5+ Kxc5 35.a3 d4+ 36.Kxf2 Bxb3∓]
34...cxd4 35.Bd3 Bf7 36.a3 Kc5 37.Ke2 Bh5+ 38.Kd2 Bf3 39.Bf1 Be4 40.Bd3 Bg2 41.Kc2 Bh3 42.Kd2 Bd7 43.Kc2 Bc8 44.Kd2 Kd6 45.Be2 Ke5 46.Bb5 Bf5 47.Bd3 Bg4 48.Ba6 Bh3 49.Bb5 Kf4 50.Bc6 Ke5 51.Bb5 Bc8 52.Be2 Kf4 53.Bb5 Ke4
Weighted Error Value: White=0.07 (flawless) /Black=0.08 (flawless)
½-½

E32
□ **So,W.** **2656**
■ **Muzychuk,A.** **2523**
Corus B Wijk aan Zee NED (13) 31.01.10
[Kitty Kat]

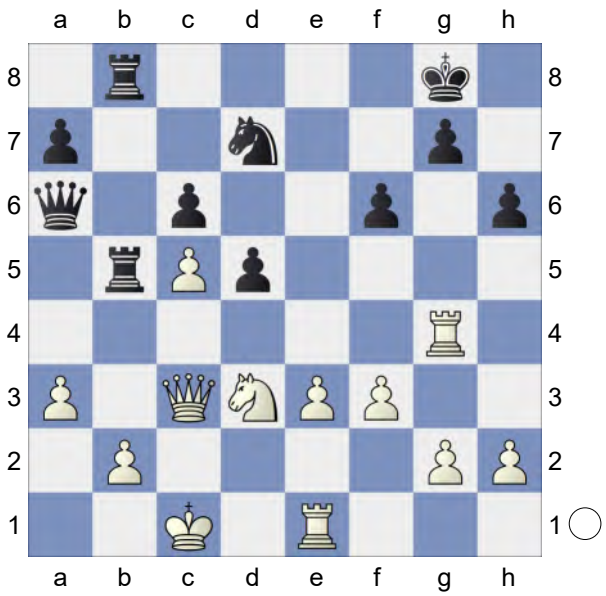
E32: Nimzo-Indian: Classical (4 Qc2): 4... 0-0
Inf 89/(452) **1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.Qc2 0-0 5.a3 Bxc3+ 6.Qxc3 b6 7.Bg5 Bb7 8.f3 h6 9.Bh4 d5 10.e3 Nbd7 11.Nh3**
[11.cxd5 Nxd5 12.Bxd8 Nxc3 13.Bh4 Nd5 14.Bf2 c5 *(14...f5 15.Bb5 c6 16.Bd3 Rae8 17.Ne2 e5 18.0-0 exd4 19.exd4 Nb8 20.Nc3 Ba6 21.Bxa6 Nxa6 22.Nxd5 cxd5 23.Rac1 Re2 24.Rfe1 Rxb2 25.Re7 Rf7 26.Rc8+ Rf8 27.Rc1 Rf7 28.Rc8+ Rf8 29.Rc1* ½-½ Sumets,A (2587)-Turov,M (2658) Metz op 30th 2012 (7) *)* 15.e4 Nf4 16.Rd1 cxd4 17.Bxd4 e5 18.Bc3 Rfd8 19.Ne2 Ng6 20.Nc1 Nc5 21.b3 Rac8 22.Rxd8+ Rxd8 23.Bc4 ½-½ Bareev,E (2714)-Bologan,V (2679) Wijk aan Zee 89/(452) 2004]
11...Rc8N
[11...c5 12.cxd5 Nxd5 *(12...exd5 13.Bb5 Ne4 14.Bxd8 Nxc3 15.bxc3 Rfxd8 16.Kd2 Nf6 17.Bd3 Ne8 18.Nf4 Nd6 19.h4 Rac8 20.Rhf1 cxd4 21.cxd4 Nc4+ 22.Bxc4 Rxc4* E 32/43 Chess Informant ECO E4 2008 *)* 13.Bxd8 Nxc3 14.Be7 Rfe8 15.Bh4 Nd5 16.Bb5 g5 17.Bf2 Red8 18.e4 N5f6 19.dxc5 Nxc5 20.Bxc5 bxc5 21.Rc1 a6 22.Be2 Rac8 23.Nf2 Rd4 24.Rc2 Nd7 25.0-0 a5 26.Rd1 1-0 (54) Andrews,N (2582)-Cano de Meio,G (2477) 144/103 Graz 2020 (4) Rxd1+ 27.Nxd1 Bc6 28.Nc3 Rb8 29.Kf2 Kf8 30.Ke3 Ke7 31.g3 Rb7 32.f4 gxf4+ 33.gxf4 Rb8 34.Bc4 Nb6 35.Ba2 Nd7 36.Kd3 Rg8 37.Bb3 Nb6 38.Ke3 Nd7 39.Ba4 Bxa4 40.Nxa4 Rb8 41.Kd3 1-0 (54) Andrews,N (2582)-Lundin,A (2477) 144/103 Graz 2020 (4)]
12.c5 bxc5 13.dxc5 c6 would now be deadly. **13...c6** White has an edge. **14.Bg3 e5 15.Bxe5 Nxe5 16.Qxe5 Ba6**



Decoy **17.Bxa6 Qa5+ 18.Qc3**
[18.Kf2 is more complex. Rfe8 19.Qd4 Qxa6 20.Nf4]
18...Qxa6 19.Nf4 Rfe8 ...Rxe3+! is the strong threat. **20.0-0-0**
[20.Kf2 feels hotter. Re4 21.Qd2 Qb5 22.b4]
20...Rb8 21.Rd4 Rb5 22.Re1 Reb8 23.Nd3 Nd7 24.Rg4 f6

(Diagram)

25.b4! R5b7 26.Kb2 0.61/20
[26.Kd2± 1.24/23]
26...Qb5!± 27.e4 0.00/24 White is more active.
[27.Kc1± 0.63/24]
27...d4!= The position is equal. **28.Qxd4**



Strongly threatening e5. **28...Ne5!** Deflection **29.Nxe5 fxe5 30.Qxe5 Rd8! 31.Rc1** And now Qe6+ would win.

[31.Qc3!? Rd3□ 32.Qe5=]

31...Rd2+ 32.Ka1 Rbd7 33.Qe6+ Kh8 34.Qe8+ Kh7 35.Qg6+ Kh8 Threatens to win with ...Re7. **36.Qe8+ Kh7 37.Qg6+ Kh8** Hoping for ...Re7. **38.Qe8+**

Weighted Error Value: White=0.10 (very precise) /Black=0.05 (flawless)

½-½

D78

□ **Goryachkina,A. 2593**
■ **Muzychuk,A. 2535**

EUR Online Women CC Final rapid (2.5)
[Kitty Kat]

D78: Fianchetto Grünfeld: 6 0-0 c6

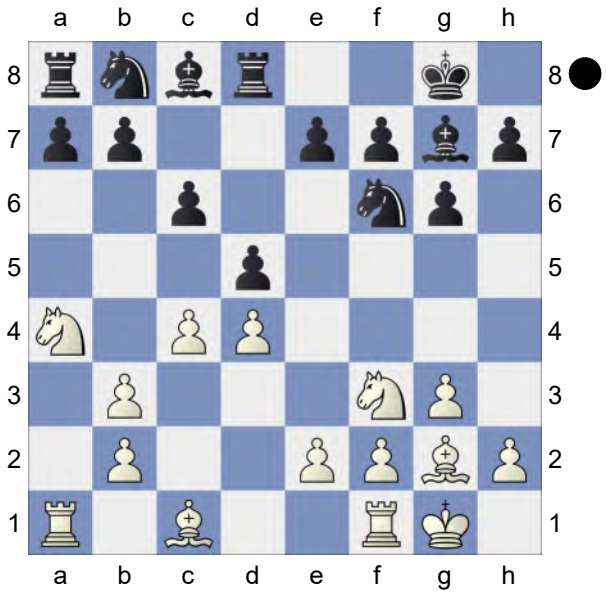
One of the most unbelievable games I have seen in a long time. It is very hard to understand what was going on all the time, with the material balance disrupted from the very beginning. **1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nf3 Bg7 4.g3 0-0 5.Bg2 c6 6.0-0 d5 7.Qb3N**

[7.b3 a5 8.Nc3 Ne4 9.Bb2 Nxc3 *(9...a4 10.Nxa4 dxc4 11.Ne5 cxb3 12.axb3 Bxe5 13.dxe5 Nd2 14.Re1 Be6 15.Nc5 Rxa1 16.Qxa1 Nxb3 17.Nxe6 fxe6 18.Qa3 Qb6 19.e3 Qa5 20.Rb1 Qxa3 21.Bxa3 Na5 22.Bb4 b6 23.Bxe7 Re8 24.Rxb6* 0-1 (41) Dautov,R (2625)-Tischbierek, R (2515) GER-ch Bremen 1998 (6)*)* 10.Bxc3 Nd7 *(10...b5 11.Rc1 Nd7 12.cxd5 cxd5 13.Bd2 Bb7 14.Bf4 Qb6 15.Rc7 Bc6 16.Qc2 Rfc8 17.Rc1 Rxc7 18.Bxc7 Qxc7 19.Qxc6 Qxc6 20.Rxc6 Ra7 21.e3 b4 22.Bf1 Bf6 23.Bb5 Kg7 24.Rc8 Nf8 25.Ne1* ö-ö (43) 3.e5 ♗f5 4.♘e2 e6_35829 (2580)-8. ♘e2 ♘c6 9.0-0 b6_66000 (2670) 32/119 Esbjerg 32/119 1981 *)* 11.e3 Nf6 12.Ne5 Ne4 13.Be1 Qd6 14.f3 Nf6 15.Rc1 c5 16.g4 7. ...g6 and ...d5: Grünfeld-#055 Main line 6...c6 slow li]

7...Qb6 8.Nc3 Rd8 9.Na4 Qxb3

[9...Qa6 looks sharper. 10.cxd5 Qxe2 11.dxc6 Nxc6 12.Re1 Qa6]

10.axb3

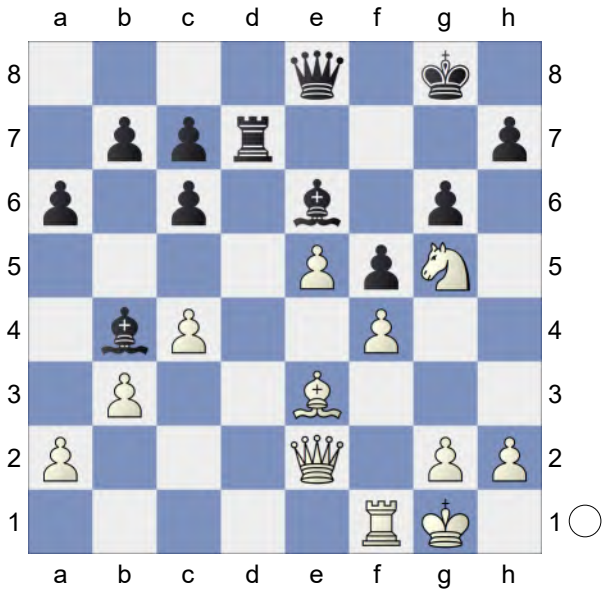


aiming for Nb6! **10...Na6! 11.Bf4 Bf5 12.Rfc1 h6 13.Be5** -0.01/20

[13.Bd2± 0.35/19]
13...g5 14.Nc3 Ne4 15.Bxg7 Kxg7 16.Ra4 Prevents Nb4 **16...e6 17.e3** -0.07/20
[17.Rca1± 0.37/21]
17...Nc7= 18.Nxe4 Bxe4 19.Nd2 Bxg2 20.Kxg2 The position is equal. **20...a6 21.Nf3 Ne8 22.h4 f6 23.hxg5 hxg5 24.c5 Nc7 25.Rh1 Rh8 26.Raa1 Rxh1 27.Rxh1** Endgame. KRN-KRN **27...Nb5 28.g4 Rb8 29.Ra1 Rh8 30.b4 Kg6 31.Rh1 Rb8 32.Nd2 Re8 33.Nf3 Ra8 34.Ra1 Rh8 35.Rh1 Ra8 36.Ra1 Rh8** An uneventful encounter.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.07 (flawless) /Black=0.06 (flawless)
½-½

C85
□ **Vaishali,Rameshbabu** **2448**
■ **Muzychuk,A.** **2510**
FIDE Grand Swiss Women (5.2) 29.10.23
[Kitty Kat]

C85: Closed Ruy Lopez: Deferred Exchange Variation
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Be7 6.Bxc6 dxc6 7.d3 Nd7 8.Be3 0-0 9.Nbd2 f6 10.Nh4N White has an edge.
[10.Re1 Nc5 11.h3 Ne6 12.Nb3 a5 13.a4 c5 14.c3 b6 15.d4 cxd4 16.cxd4 Bb4 17.Re2 exd4 18.Nfxd4 c5 19.Nb5 Ba6 20.Qd5 Qxd5 21.exd5 Bxb5 22.axb5 Nc7 23.Rd1 Rad8 24.d6 Nxb5 0-1 (43) 15 Re1 Black stops e3-e4 (2159)-Stavrianakis, I (2369) 35/527 Plovdiv 1983 (8) 25.Bf4 Rf7 26.Rd5 Rfd7 27.Nd2 Nd4 28.Re7 Bxd2 29.Bxd2 Rxd6 30.Re8+ Rxe8 31.Rxd6 Re6 32.Rd7 Kf8 33.Rb7 Rc6 34.Kf1 Nf5 35.Bf4 Nd6 36.Rd7 Nc4 37.b3 Ne5 38.Rb7 h5 39.Ke2 g5 0-1 (43) Mossong,H (2159)-Sonntag,H (2369) Luxembourg-chT 1415 2014 (8)]
10...g6 11.Nhf3 Nc5 12.d4 exd4 13.Nxd4 Ne6 14.Nxe6 Bxe6 15.Qe2 Qe8 0.52/19
[15...Qd6= 0.16/21]
16.f4 f5 17.Rae1 Qf7 18.b3
[18.Bd4 feels hotter. Rae8 19.exf5 Bxf5 20.Qe5]
18...Rae8 19.c4 -0.18/20
[⌓19.Nf3 0.30/20]
19...Bb4 0.27/20
[19...fxe4 -0.18/20 is superior. 20.Nxe4 Bf5]
20.e5= Rd8 21.Rd1 Rd7 22.Nf3 Rfd8 23.Ng5 Qe8 24.Rxd7 Rxd7 0.80/21
[24...Qxd7= 0.29/23 keeps the balance. 25.Nxe6 Qxe6]



25.Nxe6 0.13/15
[White should play 25.h4!± 0.80/21]
25...Qxe6 The position is equal. **26.Rd1 Kf7 27.Kf2 Be7 28.h3 h5 29.g3 Ke8 30.Rxd7 Qxd7 31.Qd2 Qxd2+ 32.Bxd2** Endgame. KB-KB **32...Kd7 33.g4 Ke6 34.Kf3 b6 35.Be3 c5**

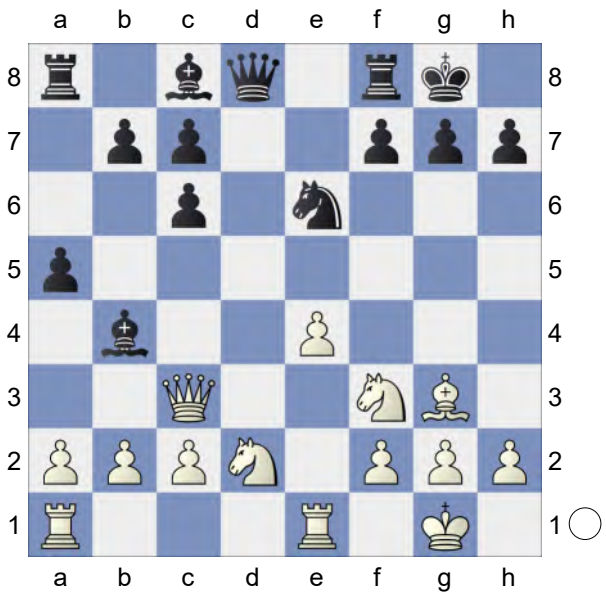
36.gxh5 gxh5 37.Bf2 Kf7
Weighted Error Value: White=0.09 (flawless) /Black=0.09 (flawless)
½-½

C85
□ **Bulmaga,I.** **2423**
■ **Muzychuk,A.** **2510**
FIDE Grand Swiss Women (3.2) 27.10.23
[Kitty Kat]

C85: Closed Ruy Lopez: Deferred Exchange Variation
The match had been very tense. Many people including me expected Magnus to be a clear favourite, but Sergey and his team prepared excellently. The tie-break was eagerly awaited by the chess world.
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Be7 6.Bxc6N
[6.d3
A) 6...b5 7.Bb3 d6 8.a3 0-0 9.Nc3
A1) 9...Na5 10.Ba2
A1a) 10...Be6 11.b4 *(11.Bxe6 fxe6 12.b4 Nc6 13.Bd2 d5 14.Re1 Qd6 15.Na2 Nd7 16.Qe2 d4 17.Reb1 Nb6 18.Nc1 Na4 19.Nb3 Rf7 20.Rc1 Rd8 21.Ng5 Rf6 22.Qh5 h6 23.Nf3 Rdf8 24.Rf1 R8f7 25.Rae1 Bf8* 0-1 (50) Nakamura,H (2787)-Topalov,V (2772) Sinquefield Cup 2nd 2014 (8) *)* 11...Bxa2 12.Rxa2 Nc6 13.Bg5 Qd7 14.Bxf6 Bxf6 15.Nd5 Bd8 16.c4 Nd4 17.Ne3 Nxf3+ 18.Qxf3 Bg5 19.Nd5 Rfb8 20.Qg3 Qd8 21.cxb5 axb5 22.Rc2 Rc8 23.Rc6 Rxa3 24.Qg4 Rxd3 25.g3 ½-½ (71) Novik (2668)-Delmarko,D (2706) (ol) 34/66 Luzern 1982 (8);
A1b) 10...c5 11.Bg5 Be6 12.Bxf6 Bxf6 13.Nd5 Nc6 14.c3 g6 15.a4 Bg7 16.Ne3 Bd7 17.Bd5 Qc7 18.Qb3 Rab8 19.axb5 axb5 20.Ra6 Ne7 21.Rfa1 Nc8 22.h3 h6 23.Nh4 Ne7 24.Ra7 1-0 (50) Jiang,L (2352)-Wongso,S (2069) Las Vegas 1000 GM op 2023 (1);
A2) 9...Nb8 10.Ne2 c5 11.Ng3 Nc6 12.c3 Rb8 13.h3 a5 14.a4 b4 15.Re1 Be6 16.Bc4 h6 17.Be3 Qc8 18.Qe2 Rd8 19.Bxe6 fxe6 20.d4 bxc3 21.bxc3 ½-½ (37) Karjakin,S (2772)-Carlsen,M (2853) World-ch Carlsen-Karjakin Tiebreak rapid 2016 (1);
B) 6...d6 7.c3 0-0 8.Nbd2 b5 9.Bc2 Nb8 10.Re1 Nbd7 11.Nf1 Re8 12.Ng3 Bb7 13.Nf5 Bf8 14.h3 d5 15.Qe2 c5 16.Nh2 Qc7 17.Ng4 c4 18.dxc4 bxc4 19.exd5 Bxd5 20.Bg5 Nxg4 ½-½ (75) Pranav,V (2440)-Hansen,E (2568) Wch Blitz Almaty 2022 (10)]
6...dxc6 7.Re1 Nd7 8.d4 exd4 9.Qxd4 0-0 10.Bf4 The position is equal. **10...Nc5 11.Qe3 Ne6** Repels Nd4 **12.Bg3 Bc5 13.Qc3 a5 14.Nbd2! Bb4 15.Qe3 Bc5 16.Qc3 Bb4**

(Diagram)

Deflection **17.Qb3** -0.79/26 **Bxd2∓ 18.Red1 Nd4! 19.Nxd4 Qxd4 20.Bf4 Be6 21.Qf3** -1.36/24
[21.Rxd2 Qxd2 *(21...Qxe4*



22.Qg3=) 22.Bxd2 Bxb3 23.axb3 Rfd8-+]

[⌓21.c4 -0.87/24]

21...Qxb2 22.Bxd2 White is weak on the light squares **22...Qxc2 23.Bf4 Rfd8** Strongly threatening ...Rxd1+.

[23...Bxa2? perishes. 24.Rd2 *(24.Bxc7?* is the wrong capture. *a4-+)* 24...Qc4 25.Rdxa2± *(25.Raxa2 Rfe8±)*]

24.Rdc1 Qd3 25.Bxc7 Qxf3! 26.gxf3 Rd7 27.Bb6 a4 28.a3 -2.13/21

[28.Rc3∓ -1.59/22]

28...Rd3-+ 29.Kg2 f5 30.Rd1 -2.68/25

[⌓30.h4 -1.65/21]

30...Rb3 31.Be3 Kf7 32.Kg3 -1.93/21

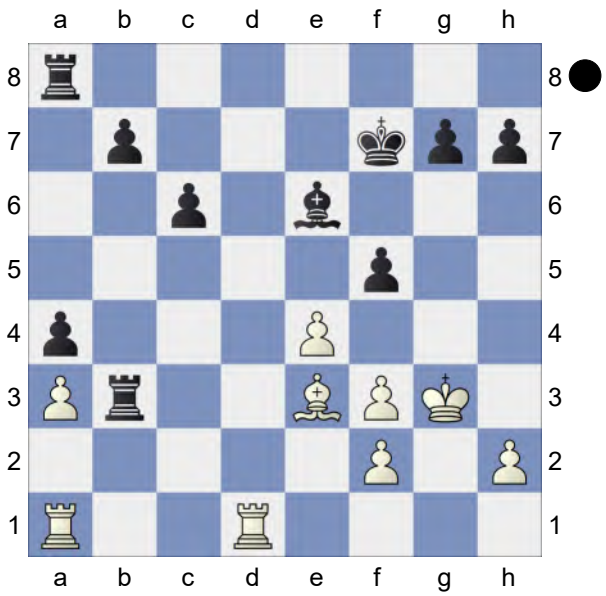
[32.h4∓ -1.46/18]

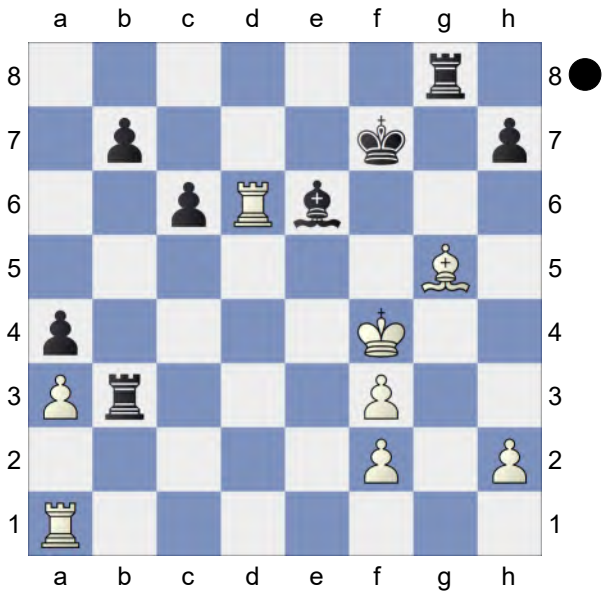
(Diagram)

32...g5 -1.32/19 **33.exf5∓ Bxf5 34.Bxg5 Rg8 35.Kf4 Be6↑** Black is on the roll. Black is more active. **36.Rd6**

(Diagram)

Rb5 -0.37/21





[36...Rg6!∓ -1.26/20 ...c5 is the strong threat. 37.h4 h6]

37.h4∓ Rf5+ -0.21/24

[37...Rg6∓ -0.61/25]

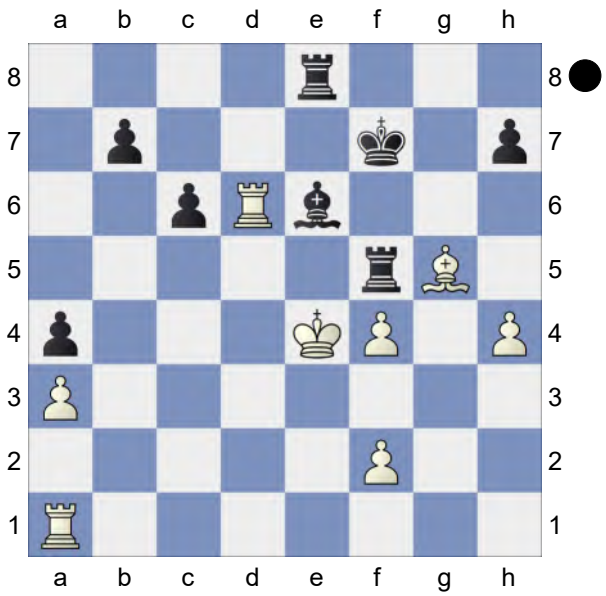
38.Ke4 Re8 39.f4? -1.84/21

[39.Rg1= -0.29/19 and White is okay.]

(Diagram)

39...h6!-+ 40.Bd8? -4.91/19

[40.Bxh6? loses. Rf6 41.Kd4



Rxh6-+]
[40.Rxe6 -1.92/16 Kxe6 41.Bxh6]
40...Rd5
Weighted Error Value: White=0.33/ Black=0.14 (very precise)
0-1

C78
☐ **Goryachkina,A.** **2558**
■ **Muzychuk,A.** **2510**
FIDE Grand Swiss Women (7.1) 01.11.23
[Kitty Kat]

C78: Ruy Lopez: Archangelsk and Möller Defences
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Bc5 6.d3
[6.c3 b5 7.Bc2 d5 8.a4 dxe4 9.axb5 Bg4 10.bxc6 exf3 11.gxf3 Bh3 12.Re1 0-0 13.Ra5 Qd6 14.b4 Bxf2+ 15.Kxf2 e4 16.Kg1 Rae8 17.Re3 Nh5 18.f4 Nxf4 19.Rg5 f5 20.Rgg3 Bg4 1-0 (40) C 06/32 (2782)-Persse,D (2709) (ol) Baku 2016]
6...d6 7.h3 b5 8.Bb3 Na5N
[8...h6 9.Nc3 Rb8 10.Nd5 Na5 11.Be3 c6 12.Nxf6+ Qxf6 13.Nh2 0-0 14.c3 Nxb3 15.axb3 Bxe3 16.fxe3 Qg5 17.Qf3 f5 18.exf5 Bxf5 19.Qxc6 Qxe3+ 20.Kh1 Bxd3 21.Rxf8+ Rxf8 22.Qxd6 Be4 23.Qe6+ ½-½ (68) Bartel,M (2252)-Brodsky,D (2534) Titled Tuesday intern op 24th Sep Early blitz 2024 (2)]
9.Nc3 h6 10.Ne2 0-0 11.Ng3 Re8 12.Bd2 Nxb3 13.axb3 d5 14.Qe2 -0.34/20
[14.c4!= 0.12/21 should be considered.]
14...Bb7 0.21/21
[Black should try 14...Rb8∓ -0.34/20]
15.Rfd1 -0.45/21
[Better is 15.c4!= 0.21/21]
15...Qd7 16.Nh2 dxe4 17.dxe4 Qc6 18.Re1! Rad8 19.b4 Bd4 A strong pair of Bishops. **20.c3** The position is equal. **20...Bb6 21.Rad1 a5 22.bxa5 Bxa5 23.Ng4 Nxg4 24.hxg4 Bc8 25.Nf5 Bxf5 26.exf5 f6 27.Be3 Bb6 28.Bxb6 cxb6 29.Rxd8 Rxd8 30.Rd1 Rxd1+ 31.Qxd1=** Endgame. KQ-KQ **31...Qe4 32.Qb3+ Qc4 33.Qd1 Kh7 34.f3 b4 35.cxb4 Qxb4 36.Qe2 Qc5+ 37.Kf1 Qc1+ 38.Kf2 Qc5+ 39.Kf1 Qc1+ 40.Kf2 Qc5+ 41.Kf1 Qc1+**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.08 (flawless) /Black=0.08 (flawless)
½-½

B22
☐ **Muzychuk,A.** **2510**
■ **Tsolakidou,Stavroula** **2385**
FIDE Grand Swiss Women (2.2) 26.10.23
[Kitty Kat]

B22: Sicilian: 2 c3
1.e4 c5 2.c3 e5 3.Nf3 Nc6 4.Bc4 Nf6 5.Ng5 d5 6.exd5 Nxd5 7.Qh5

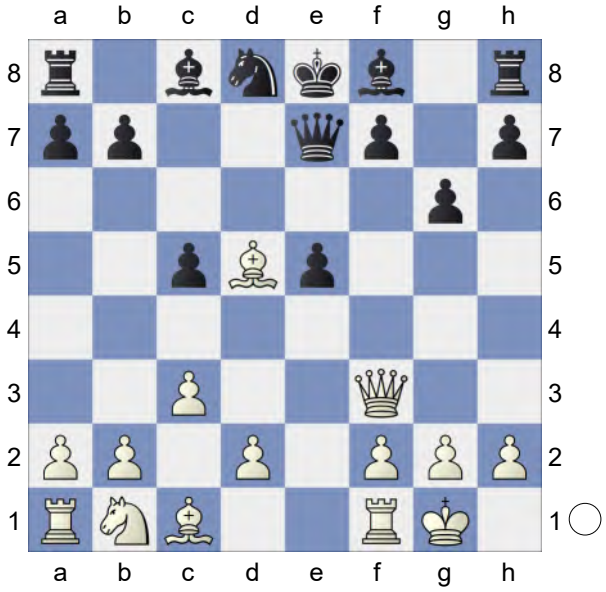
[7.Nxf7 Kxf7 8.Qf3+ Ke6∓]

7...g6 8.Qf3 White is slightly better.

8...Qxg5 9.Bxd5

[9.Qxd5? Be6 10.Qe4 Bxc4 11.Qxc4 Qxg2-+]

9...Nd8 10.0-0 Qe7



11.d4! Deflection **11...cxd4 12.cxd4 exd4 13.Bf4!**

[13.b3 Be6 14.Re1 Bg7 15.Ba3 Qd7 16.Nd2 Nc6 17.Ne4 0-0-0 18.Bxc6 bxc6 19.Qg3 Qd5 20.Rac1 d3 21.Rxc6+ Qxc6 22.Rc1 Qxc1+ 23.Bxc1 Rd5 24.Bd2 Rhd8 25.h3 R8d7 26.b4 Rc7 27.Nc5 Bd4 0-1 (68) Spyra,P (1850)-Chmura,E (1752) POL-chT 2nd League 2023 (4.100)]

13...g5 14.Bg3 Hoping for Nd2. White has compensation. **14...Bg7 15.Nd2** Ne4 is the strong threat. **15...0-0N** 1.53/21

[15...Be6= 0.21/24]

16.Ne4!± Black must now prevent Bd6.

16...g4 17.Qb3 Qd7 2.14/20

[17...Be6± 1.40/22]

18.Nc5 0.72/21

[18.f3+- 2.14/20 is more deadly.]

18...Qe7 1.29/21

[⌓18...Qf5 0.72/21]

19.Rac1 0.19/21

[19.Ne4!± 1.29/21]

19...Ne6 0.85/20

[19...Be6!= 0.19/21]

20.Nd3!

[20.Nxb7 Bxb7 21.Qxb7 *(21.Bxb7 Rad8=)* 21...Qxb7 22.Bxb7 Rad8]

20...h5 21.Rfe1 Qg5 22.Be5

[22.Bxb7 Bxb7 23.Qxb7 Rfe8=]

22...Qg6 23.Be4 0.56/21 White is much more active. The black rooks are passive.

[23.Bxb7? Bxb7 24.Bxg7 Nxg7-+]

[23.a4± 1.00/20]

23...Qg5 24.Bd5 Qg6 25.Be4

[25.Bxb7? Bxb7 26.Bxg7 Nxg7-+]

25...Qg5 26.Bxb7 0.19/20

[White should try 26.f4± 0.81/19 Qh6 27.g3 *(27.Bxb7 Bxe5 28.Bxa8 Bxf4=)*]

26...Bxb7= 27.Qxb7 Qf5

[27...Rfe8 seems wilder. 28.Kf1 Bh6 29.Qe4 Rad8]

28.Bxg7 Kxg7 29.Qa6 h4 30.Re5 Qg6 31.Nc5 -0.07/23

[31.Rd1± 0.31/23]

31...Rfc8 Threatens to win with ...Nxc5.

32.b4 h3

[32...Nxc5 simplifies 33.Qxg6+ Kxg6 34.Rcxc5 f6]

33.Qd6 Strongly threatening Rce1.

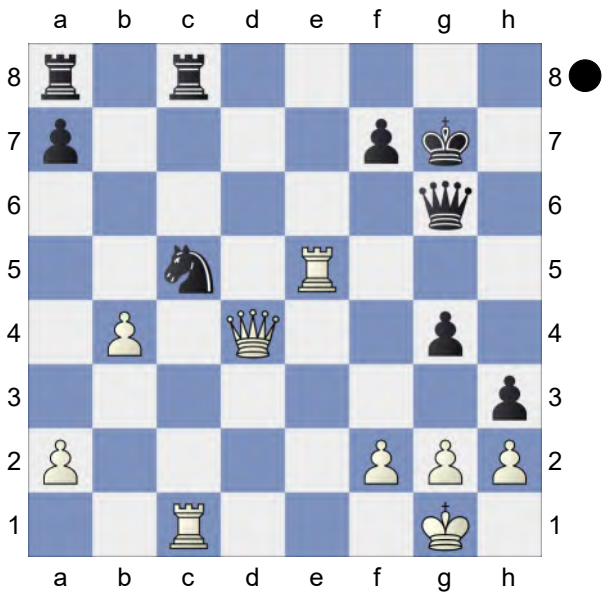
33...Nxc5 34.Qxd4 -3.15/30

[34.Qxg6+= 0.00/20 Kxg6 35.bxc5]

(Diagram)

34...Nb3! 0.01/18 **35.axb3 Rxc1+ 36.Re1+ Kg8 37.Rxc1 Re8 38.Qd5**

[38.Qxa7 is a self mate. Qc6 *(38...Qe4? 39.f3-+)* 39.gxh3 gxh3 *(39...Qxc1+* leads to mate. *40.Kg2*



Qc6+ 41.Kg3 Qf3+ 42.Kh4 Qxh3+ 43.Kg5 Re5+ 44.Kf4 Qxh2+ 45.Kxg4 Qg2+ 46.Kh4 Re4+ 47.f4 Rxf4+ 48.Kh5 Qg6#; 39...Qxc1+ 40.Kg2 Qc6+ 41.Kg3 Qf3+ 42.Kh4 Qxh3+ 43.Kg5 Re5+ 44.Kf4 Qxh2+ 45.Kxg4 Qg2+ 46.Kh4 Re4+ 47.f4 Rxf4+ 48.Kh5 Qg6#)]

38...a6 39.b5 axb5 40.Qxb5 Qh6? 9.44/18 **41.Qxe8+**

Weighted Error Value: White=0.30/ Black=0.32

1-0

B51

□ **Muzychuk,A.** **2510**
■ **Tan,Zhongyi** **2517**
FIDE Grand Swiss Women (4.1) 28.10.23
[Kitty Kat]

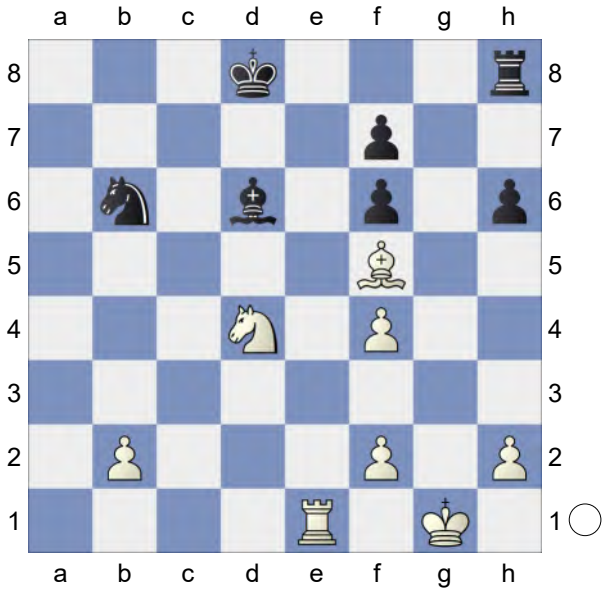
B51: Sicilian: Moscow Variation (3 Bb5+) without 3...Bd7

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.Bb5+
[3.c3 Nf6 4.Bd3 b6 5.0-0 Bb7 6.Re1 e6 7.Bc2 Be7 8.d4 0-0 9.Nbd2 Na6 10.Nf1 d5 11.e5 Ne4 12.Ng3 cxd4 13.cxd4 Rc8 14.a3 Qc7 15.Bd3 Nb8 16.Qe2 a6 17.Bd2 Nxd2 1-0 (34) Holliday,B (2440)-4.e3 ♗g4 5. ♗c4 e6_37934 (2270) 28/149 Smederevska Palanka 1979]
[3.d4 cxd4 4.c3 dxc3 5.Nxc3 Nc6 6.Bc4 e6 7.0-0 a6 8.Qe2 Nf6 9.Rd1 Qc7 10.Bf4 Be7 11.Rac1 0-0 12.Bb3 Re8 13.h3 h6 14.Qe3 Nh5 15.Bxh6 gxh6 16.Qxh6 Ng7 17.Bc2 Ne5 1-0 (35) By Black (2218)-Wyczling,B (1794) Saarland-ch MB 87th 2012]

3...Nd7N
[3...Nc6 4.b3 Bd7 5.Bb2 a6 6.Bc4 Nf6 7.e5 dxe5 8.Nxe5 Nxe5 9.Bxe5 Bc6 10.0-0 e6 11.Re1 Nd7 12.Bb2 Qg5 13.Bf1 Bd6 14.d4 Nf6 15.d5 0-0-0 16.dxc6 Bxh2+ 17.Kxh2 Rxd1 18.cxb7+ 0-1 (30) Aarush,R (2097)-Borwell,A (2578) 42/131 Baku 1986 (8) Kxb7 19.Rxd1 Qh5+ 20.Kg1 Qxd1 21.Na3 Qh5 22.g3 Rd8 23.Bg2+ Kc8 24.Bxf6 Rd1+ 25.Rxd1 Qxd1+ 26.Kh2 gxf6 27.Be4 Qf1 28.Bd3 Qxf2+ 29.Kh3 f5 30.Nc4 Qg1 0-1 Katz,F (2097)-Abbasov,F (2578) Rohde op 08th 2008 (8)]

4.0-0 a6 5.Bd3 Ngf6 6.c3 b5 7.a4 c4 8.Be2 Strongly threatening axb5. White is slightly better. **8...Bb7 9.axb5 axb5 10.Rxa8 Bxa8 11.Na3 Qb8 12.d3 cxd3 13.Bxd3**
[13.Qxd3 b4 14.cxb4 Bxe4=]
13...Bxe4 1.52/24
[Better is 13...b4 0.82/21]
14.Bxb5±
[14.Nxb5?! e5±]
14...e5 1.65/23
[14...g6± 1.24/21 keeps fighting.]
15.Re1+- Qb7 16.Bg5 Bxf3 2.55/23
[16...Be7± 1.05/18]
17.Qxf3 Qxf3 18.gxf3 Nc4 is the strong threat. **18...Ke7** 2.44/20

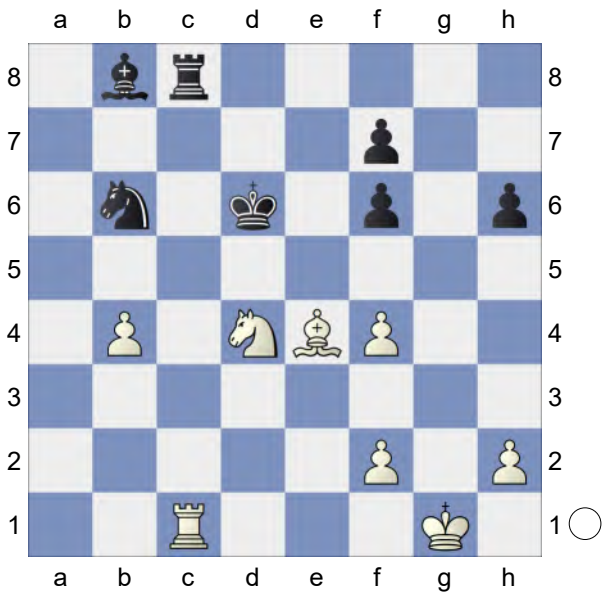
[⌓18...Kd8 1.84/21 19.Nc4 Kc7]
19.f4 h6 20.Bxf6+ gxf6 21.Nc4 d5 22.Ne3 Nb6 23.Ra1 d4 24.cxd4 Threatens to win with Ra6. **24...exd4 25.Nf5+ Ke6 26.Bd3 Bd6 27.Re1+** 2.56/21
[27.Nxd4+± 1.37/18 Kd5 28.Nf5 Bxf4 29.Ng3]
27...Kd5 28.Be4+ Deflection **28...Ke6 29.Bd3+ Kd5 30.Be4+** Deflection **30...Ke6 31.Nxd4+ Kd7 32.Bf5+ Kd8**



33.Rd1! aiming for Nb5. **33...Bb8 34.b4** Black must now prevent Nc6+. **34...Kc7** 3.10/25
[34...Ke8 2.20/22 might work better. 35.Be4 Kd8]
35.Rc1+ Kd6 36.Be4 Hoping for Rc6+. **36...Rc8** 2.48/19
[⌓36...Ke7 1.99/19 37.Rc6 Nd7 38.Nf5+ Kd8]

(Diagram)

37.Nc6! f5 38.Rd1+
[38.Bxf5? Rxc6 39.Rd1+ Ke7 40.Re1+ Kf8-+]
38...Kc7 39.Bf3



[39.Bxf5 Rg8+ *(39...Kxc6? is the wrong capture. 40.Bxc8 Nxc8 41.Rd8+-)* 40.Kh1 Kxc6 41.Be4+ Kc7∓]
39...Rg8+ 40.Kf1 Re8 41.Nd4 Kc8 42.Nxf5 Re6 Against Nd6+ **43.Rc1+ Kd7 44.Rd1+ Kc8 45.Ne3** Bg4 would now be deadly. **45...Rd6 46.Rc1+ Kd8 47.b5 Rf6 48.f5** 0.83/20
[48.Rd1++- 1.86/20 and White stays clearly on top. Ke7 49.f5 *(49.Re1 Kf8+-)*]
48...Bxh2± 49.Ng4 0.61/19
[49.Rd1+± 1.11/23 Ke7 50.Ng4 Rxf5 51.Nxh2 Rxb5 52.Rd4]
49...Bf4± 50.Rd1+ Rd6 51.Rxd6+ Bxd6 52.Nxh6 Endgame. KBN-KBN **52...Ke7 53.Bh5** 0.05/26
[53.Ng8+± 0.46/24 Kf8 54.Nh6]
53...Kf6= The position is equal. **54.Nxf7**
[54.Bxf7 Bf4 55.Ng4+ Kxf7]
54...Bc7 55.Bg6 Nc4 56.Nh6 And now Ng4+ would win. **56...Nd6 57.f4 Nxb5 58.Ng4+ Kg7 59.Be8 Nd6 60.f6+ Kf8 61.Bg6 Nf7** Wards off Ne5 **62.f5 Ne5 63.Nf2 Bd8 64.Ne4 Nxg6 65.fxg6 Bxf6** Remove Defender **66.Nxf6** Nh5 would kill now. **66...Kg7**

67.Ne4 Kxg6 Black escapes into a draw. Weighted Error Value: White=0.13 (very precise) /Black=0.16 (very precise)
½-½

C50
□ **Milliet,S.** **2391**
■ **Muzychuk,A.** **2510**
FIDE Grand Swiss Women (1.5) 25.10.23
[Kitty Kat]

C54: Giuoco Piano: 4 c3 Nf6, main lines with 5 d4 and 5 d3
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.d3 Nf6 5.c3 d6 6.0-0 a6 7.a4 h6N
[7...Ba7 8.Re1 *(8.Be3 Bxe3 9.fxe3 0-0 10.Nbd2 h6 11.d4 Bg4 12.Qc2 Bh5 13.Rae1 Nd7 14.b4 Qe7 15.g3 a5 16.b5 Nd8 17.Nh4 Ne6 18.Bd5 Ra7 19.Nf5 Qd8 20.h3 Nf6 21.Bc4 c6 22.Bd3 Bg6* 0-1 (63) Kucera,T (2466)-Kauschmann,H (2681) 4NCL West Bromwich ENG 2004 (1.20)*)* 8...Ng4 *(8...0-0 9.h3 Ne7 10.d4 Ng6 11.Nbd2 Re8 12.Bb3 Bd7 13.Bc2 Bc6 14.b4 d5 15.Nxe5 Nxe5 16.dxe5 Rxe5 17.Nf3 Re8 18.e5 Ne4 19.Be3* 7.♖c1 dc4 8.♗c4 (2297)-Muniz Pardino,A (2422) 020 Linz 2014 *)* 9.Re2 Qf6 10.Nbd2 g5 11.Qe1 Rg8 12.Nf1 Be6 13.Be3 Bxe3 14.Nxe3 Nxe3 15.Rxe3 Bxc4 16.dxc4 Nd8 17.Nd2 h5 18.Nf1 h4 19.Rd3 Qg6 20.c5 dxc5 21.Rd5 f6 22.Rxc5 0-1 (33) Peter Anand,A (2151)-Kalinin,A (2367) Arandjelovac op 2nd 2023 (5.34) Ne6 23.Rd5 g4 24.Rad1 Rg7 25.Qd2 Kf8 26.Rd7 Rxd7 27.Qxd7 Rd8 28.Qxe6 Rxd1 29.Qc8+ Qe8 30.Qxb7 Qxa4 31.Qc8+ Kf7 32.Qxc7+ Kg6 33.Qc8 Rxf1+ 0-1 Nordquelle,D (2151)-Carlsson,L (2367) NOR-chT Elite 2223 2022 (5.34)]
8.Re1 0-0 9.Nbd2 a5 10.Nf1 White has an edge. **10...Be6 11.Bb5 Na7 12.d4 Nxb5 13.dxc5** -0.27/20
[⌓13.axb5 0.27/22 exd4 14.cxd4]
13...Na7= 14.cxd6 Qxd6 15.Qxd6 cxd6 16.Be3 Nc6 17.Ng3 Rfd8 18.h3 d5 19.exd5 Nxd5 20.Bc5 f6 21.Rad1 -1.32/21 Black continues to play with concentration.
[21.Nd4!∓ -0.49/22 exd4 22.Rxe6]
21...b6∓ 22.Be3 Nxe3 23.fxe3 Bb3 24.Rxd8+ Rxd8 25.Ra1 Rd1+ 26.Rxd1 Bxd1-+ Endgame. KBN-KNN **27.Nd2 Bxa4 28.Nf5** -2.13/24
[⌓28.Nc4 -1.72/24]
28...Bc2 29.Nd6 Bd3 30.e4 Ba6 ...a4 would now be deadly. **31.Kf2** -2.01/23
[31.N2c4∓ -1.45/24 keeps fighting.]
31...Kf8 32.Nf5 -2.71/24
[⌓32.N2c4 -1.77/20]
32...Ne7 aiming for ...Nxf5. **33.Ne3 Ke8 34.h4 h5 35.Kf3 Kd7 36.Ndc4 Kc6 37.g4 hxg4+ 38.Kxg4 a4 39.h5** -4.75/20
[39.Nd2 -3.07/21 was necessary.]
39...Kc5 40.Nd2 Be2+ 41.Kh4 b5 42.Nc2 Nc8 43.Nb4 Nb6 Prevents Nd5 **44.Na6+ Kd6 45.Nb4 Ke6** Hoping for ... Nc4. **46.Nc2 Nc8 47.Nb4 Ne7 48.Nc2** -5.76/24
[⌓48.Na6 -3.94/21]
48...Nc8 49.Nb4 Nd6 50.Na6 Nb7 51.Nc7+ Kf7 52.Na6 Nd6 53.Nb4 Bd1 54.Nd3 Bc2 55.Nc5 Ke7 56.Kg4 Bd1+ 57.Kh4 Be2 58.Na6 Nb7 59.Nb4 Nc5 60.Nd5+ Kf7 61.Nc7 Nd3 62.Nxb5 Nxb2 63.Na3 -6.53/21
[⌓63.c4 -4.20/19]
63...Ke6 Black is clearly winning. **64.Ndb1 Kd6 65.Nd2 Kc5 66.Ndb1**

Nc4 67.Nc2 Bd3 68.Nba3 Bxe4 69.h6 gxh6 70.Kh5 Bd3 71.Kxh6 Nxa3 72.Nxa3 e4
Weighted Error Value: White=0.37/ Black=0.22 (precise)
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